

YORK
COUNTY
LIBRARY

1968 - 1977

YORK COUNTY VOLUNTEER ASSOCIATION

Route 4, Box 311
Yorktown, Virginia

May, 1968

As you probably already know, the York County Volunteer Association is a group of volunteers working together with the aim of providing assistance to needy families and individuals of the county. This includes doing whatever is possible to improve the living and/or educational status of the residents of the county.

Up to this date the association has dealt mainly in relieving distress. The association is now reaching out to other actions. Just last week a tutoring program was started which is aimed at lifting the level of knowledge of those boys and girls who either are slow learners, or have been restricted from attending school because of being disciplinary problems.

Another program in which the association is interested is closely related to the tutoring program. This is to circulate available surplus books in an attempt to bring up the educational level of our population, and to reduce the communication gap between the members of the York County community. This involves a project to set up, staff with volunteers, and operate a library service in York County. This library will be open to all residents of York County. I want to emphasize, however, that this is a stop-gap measure and will not detract from York County's need for more adequate library service.

For this stop-gap program we have some immediate needs and we ask your help. We already have a building. However we need:

1. Book donations - both new and used, adult and children. We have been fortunate in already obtaining a large number of books from official and private sources, but can always use more.
- ✓ 2. Shelving for free-standing book shelves. We can, if necessary, operate temporarily on a variety of make-shift shelves such as cinder blocks or bricks for supports and medium sized boards (or extra table leaves) for shelving.
3. Volunteers to prepare books for display and to circulate them.

This stop-gap action by the YCVA should not preclude appropriate action aimed at obtaining full library service for this community. Several suggestions for going about it have been made by interested individuals. These include:

1. Speak up - send a letter of recommendation to the Board of Supervisors pointing up York County's need for adequate library service.

In attendance at June 1968
Panel on Library Services.

Moderator - Edwin Morris, York PTA Council Pres.

1. Chas. Pipkin, Librarian City of Hmpt.
2. Marian Bowditch - York Sch. Board
3. Waldo Harrison - Chrm. York Ban. Com.
4. Iris Anderson - League of Women Voters.

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Open Forum:

"Public Library Facilities for York"

Grafton-Bethel School

June 17, 1968

G. I. ANDERSON 878-5983
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Mrs. Doris M. Antcyak

Mrs. James. H. Ware, Jr. - Junior Woman's Club
of Seaford

Dr. William P. Knox - Grafton Supervisor

W. D. Terag - Pres. York Co.
Demo. Club.

Mrs. James L. Day

Nancy Deskins - York PTA Council
York Volunteers Assoc.

William F. White Pres. Kiwanis
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York Volunteer Assoc.
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Volunteers Launch Program To Circulate Surplus Books

YORKTOWN — The York County Volunteer Association, branching out from its work of providing assistance to needy families and individuals in the community, is planning to circulate available surplus books in an attempt to bring up the educational level of the population.

The effort, according to Albert Leslie, president of the association, is also an attempt to reduce the communication gap in the York community.

The association's program to assist persons in need of aid included doing whatever is possible to improve the living or educational status of residents.

"Up to now, the association has dealt mainly in relieving distress," Leslie said. "The association now is reaching out to other actions."

Leslie said a tutoring program has been started, aimed at lifting the level of knowledge of boys and girls who are either slow learners, or have been restricted from attending school because of disciplinary problems.

The project to circulate books includes the setting up and staffing with volunteers a library service in York County.

"This library will be open to all residents of York County," Leslie said. "I want to emphasize, however, this is a stop-gap measure and will not detract from York County's need for more adequate library service."

In the promotion of library services on a larger scale, the association and the York County Council of Parent-Teachers Associations recently co-sponsored an open forum on the subject of libraries, how they can be funded and what state aid is available.

The panel included Michael Pipkin of the Charles Taylor Library in Hampton; N. Waldo Harrison, chairman of the York County Planning commission and York representative to the regional planning commission; Mrs. Marian Bowditch, member of the York County School Board; and Mrs. Iris Anderson, League of Women Voters.

To Form Committee

It was decided a committee would be formed to present a definite plan of action to the York County Board of Supervisors.

One of the approaches now being considered is the establishment of a library on a regional basis, with agreements with other nearby localities.

Meanwhile, the volunteer association hopes to begin operation with its service at a building at the intersection of Route 17 and Dare Road in Late July.

Leslie said the association has the building and now needs help in other aspects of the project.

"We need book donations; both new and used books for adults and children," he said. "We have been fortunate in already obtaining a large number of books from officials and private sources, but we can always use more."

Leslie said shelving for free-standing book shelves will have to be obtained.

"We can, if necessary, operate temporarily on a variety of make-shift shelves, such as cinderblocks or bricks for supports and medium sized boards or extra table leaves for shelving."

Also necessary will be a number of volunteers to prepare books for display and to circulate them, he said.

Leslie stressed the volunteer association service will only be a stop-gap action.

Goal Is Full Service

"This should not preclude appropriate action aimed at obtaining full library service for this community," he said.

Leslie urged those interested to speak up, perhaps sending a letter of recommendation to the county Board of Supervisors stressing York's need for adequate library service.

"State assistance is available for this under the 'regional system' where two or more governmental units join together in a common effort, such as York County and Newport News or York and Hampton," he pointed out.

Leslie said residents can participate in a financial campaign, should the need arise to match state funds, to get the project off the ground.

In association with other groups, a bookmobile can be sponsored, he said.

"This would be ideally suited to York County because of the dispersed areas and the difficulty some residents would have in getting to one central location," he noted. "This method could suffice while working for a two or three branch library."

County Citizens Concentrating On Library

By BOB FRINK
Times-Herald Staff Writer

York County Jaycees, women, and teen-age volunteers are busy preparing a two-story frame house on U.S. 17 for its Sept. 7 debut as the county's first public library.

The Jaycees are sanding, painting, and constructing donated shelves, the women are typing catalog cards, and the teen-agers "are doing everything they can" to help get the building ready.

The women are members of the York County Volunteer Association, which formulated plans for the "stop gap" library to satisfy the need for library service in the county on a temporary basis.

Mrs. E. T. Deskins, chairman of the library committee for the association, said the ultimate goal is to join with Hampton and/or other area municipalities and counties in a regional library system.

She said the library to be located at the intersection off U.S. 17 and Dare Road, is planned only to get the county started on the right road towards establishment of an adequate public library system.

The association sponsored a meeting in June which was attended by representatives from most county clubs and organizations and designed to get library-interested people together to discuss the county's needs.

A petition was circulated at the meeting and will be presented to the County Board of Supervisors Aug. 15 by Mrs. Iris Anderson.

The petition has been signed by "over 500 people" and simply states the signers are in-

terested in establishment of a public library system.

Mrs. Deskins said the petition could eventually be used to place the library question

on the ballot in the November election to show the voters' feelings on the subject.

She said the association and other library backers hoped

the supervisors would back the proposal without the necessity of placing the issue before the voters.

At least one supervisor has

told library supporters the best way to impress the importance of the project on the supervisors was to show the strength of the support.

The house, which is being rented "for a very reasonable price," is being renovated with volunteer labor and equipment.

"We sure could use some more volunteers and various pieces of equipment," Mrs. Deskins said.

New electrical wiring, an air-conditioning system, and heating plant are all being installed in the building by volunteers. The equipment was also donated.

The shelves being renewed and constructed by the Jaycees were donated and once occupied space in the College of William and Mary Library.

Cain's Metal Works donated the shelves to the library.

Mrs. Deskins said the teen-agers, mostly girls, are doing various things to help get the library in operation.

Women from the YCVA and the teen-agers work at the library every Tuesday and Wednesday from 9 a.m. until noon.

State funds for establishment of a permanent and adequate library in the county

will not be available until July, 1970, Mrs. Deskins said.

"We want to get our library started and show a definite need for the service so we will be ready to apply for the funds," Mrs. Deskins said.

She said the Association hopes the County Board of Supervisors will match any state money received.

A committee to formulate plans for establishment of a permanent library system will be formed in the near future, Mrs. Deskins said.

At the June meeting, Mrs. Marion Bowditch, a County county School Board member; N. Waldo Harrison, chairman of the county planning Board, and Michael Pipkin, Hampton's head librarian, all said the county's best route would be towards establishment of a regional system.

Harrison said Hampton had already expressed an interest in a regional system and the county would do well to work with the city.

Pipkin said \$200,000 might be available from the state for establishment of the regional system.

He said the funds would not be available until 1970.



Jaycees Jim Lang, Dick Appelt, Charles Capps, Bob Thompson, Bill Burbag and Ray Sparrer work on shelves.

York County To Have Volunteer Library

YORKTOWN — Marshall Hughes, employed at the NASA library at Langley Air Force Base has been selected to serve as consultant librarian to the York volunteer library to operate in Grafton.

Mrs. E. T. Deskins, chairman of the library committee for the sponsoring York Volunteer Association, said Hughes has coordinated the catalogue system for the new library, as well as established policies and physical layout of the facility.

"The acquisition of men and materials for the heating, lighting and air conditioning system for this building has been under his direction," Mrs. Deskins said.

Much of the equipment, including heat, lights and air conditioning has been donated by business firms, she said.

The library, will fill temporarily the need for such a facility until a public library is established, will have a grand opening Sept. 7 in a two-story frame house on Route 17.

Mrs. Deskins said Hughes, who holds a BS degree in library science from Campbell College, Buies Creek, S.C., will attend the George Peabody College in Nashville, Tenn., enrolling in mid-September in the graduate school for further study.

The library, Mrs. Deskins said will be open four days a week. The facility will be open from 10 to noon and from 6 to 8

p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays and from 9 to noon on Saturdays.

"Tentative plans include a children's story hour from 10 to 11 a.m. Saturdays," she said.

"The York High Keyettes, under the coordination of Miss Laura Blevins, club president, will help with circulation work and the story hour," she said. "The Keyettes have been preparing books and typing catalogue cards."

Mrs. Deskins said teen-age boys will also help, adding they have been painting and refinishing furniture for the library.

The library chairman indicated many individuals businesses and organizations have donated time and labor on the project.

The association's goal is to join with Hampton or other localities in the area in a regional library system.

A petition was initiated several months ago for support in establishing a public library system, and it is expected to be presented today at a meeting of the York County Board of Supervisors. The petition is reported signed by hundreds of county residents.

There is a possibility that state funds will be available in 1970 for establishing a permanent county library and the association hopes the Board of Supervisors will match any state funds.

It is possible the petition for a permanent library can be used

for placing the question of establishing a public facility on the ballot in the November election to determine how the public feels.

The library is only one phase of the volunteer association's program to provide assistance in solving community problems. The plan to circulate surplus books is an attempt to raise the educational level of the general county population. The effort is also an attempt to reduce the communication gap in York County.

The association's program to assist persons in need of aid includes accomplishing whatever

is possible to improve the living or educational status of persons in the county.

The group started one year ago as a non-profit organization for the purpose of providing relief for poor, ill, distressed or underprivileged families or individuals — an outgrowth of a recognition there was an impoverished segment of the county who were not being reached by aid from other sources.

The group collects and distributes clothing, household items and food for the needy.

gain funds for other projects for the underprivileged. The funds are spent on clothing, medical and dental treatment, purchase of fuel and additional food. Some monetary assistance is given.

This year the association held a combination educational and recreational program two mornings a week in the Lackey area for mothers and children. The mothers were given instruction in classes designed to improve their homemaking skills, while the children were given nursery school and kindergarten experiences. Two trained teachers

provided the instruction, which was conducted with the help of the York County extension division of VPI. The school was held at Rising Sun Baptist Church. Although this program has been concluded, the association plans to conduct another school location in the fall. Several months ago, when announcing the plan to start the library program, Albert Leslie, president of the association, said the library, to be staffed with volunteers, will be open to all residents of York County.

TEENAGERS HELP—Members of the York High School Chain Keyettes prepare books for shelving in the York County Library scheduled for opening Sept. 7. Shelving books are (left to right) Debbie Panak, Betty Burns, and Laura Blevins. The teenagers' members of the York County Volunteers, and the Jaycees are all working to prepare the two-story frame house on U.S. 17 at Dare for the grand opening. It will be the county's first mobile library.



York Will Open First Public Library

By BOB FRINK

Times-Herald Staff Writer

York County's first public library will be officially opened in a two-story frame house on U.S. 17 Saturday morning at 10.

Over 100 county officials, organization representatives, and others who helped establish the library will take part in the ceremony.

Raymond Sparer, president of the York Jaycees, will cut the ribbon officially opening the facility.

The Jaycees contributed many man hours towards construction of shelves and other jobs at the library.

The library is actually the results of plans made by the York County Volunteer Association who have been pushing for a public library in the county for several years.

Albert Leslie, chairman of the association will be master of ceremonies at the opening.

Mrs. E. T. Dreskins, chairman of the association's library committee, said Marshall Hughes, National Aeronautics and Space Administration librarian, will serve as consultant librarian.

The "stop gap library" is the product of many volunteers who have worked and donated to see the facility established.

The Jaycees and York County High School Keyettes along with the Volunteer Association were instrumental in

preparing the library for the opening, Mrs. Dreskins said.

Over 2,500 books have been donated to the library and about 1,500 of them have been processed for distribution, Mrs. Dreskins said.

No books will be checked out Saturday but members will be registered.

The books were donated by individuals, Newport News and Hampton libraries, school libraries, and industrial libraries.

Monday the library will open for the first time to circulate books from 10 a.m. to noon and 6 to 8 p.m.

It will be open the same hours every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday and from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturdays.

Not only the books but most other items needed for the library were donated by individuals, organizations or businesses.

The metal shelves, which were once part of the William and Mary library, were donated by Cain Metal Works at Tabb, W. E. Vaughan Plumb-



Mrs. Kenneth Beachum, Mrs. W. F. Perdue, Mrs. F. L. Newcomb, and Mrs. W. V. Feller (left to right) prepare books for distribution.

OVER

Opening Ceremony Saturday For York Volunteer Library

YORKTOWN — Raymond Sparer, president of the York Jaycees, will cut the ribbon during opening ceremonies at 10 a.m. Saturday at the newly established York Volunteer Library.

The library, sponsored by the York County Volunteer Association, will be the first facility of its kind in the county. There is no public library.

Albert Leslie, chairman of the volunteer association, will be master of ceremonies for the event. Also on the program will be Marshall Hughes of the NASA library at Langley Air Force Base, who is serving as consultant librarian to the volunteer library, and Mrs. E. T. Deskins, chairman of the library.

Public Invited

Mrs. Deskins said approximately 100 invitations have been sent to organizations for the dedication ceremonies and said it is hoped many residents of the county will attend the public event.

"We have processed about 1,500 books since July and have received donations amounting to 2,500 books to date," she said.

"We have a great deal more processing to do and more book donations are expected in the future."

Mrs. Deskins said no books will be circulated Saturday, although members will be registered and cards presented to them with the assistance of the York High Keyettes, under the direction of Laura Blevins, president.

The library will receive a 1968 edition of the World Book encyclopedia and the volunteer association will issue certificates to volunteers for their contribution of work in establishing the library.

The library will officially begin circulation of books Monday and will be open Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 10 a.m. to noon and from 6 to 8 p.m., and on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to noon.

Floral arrangements have been donated for the opening ceremonies by the Piney Point Garden Club.

Mrs. Deskins said donations of money for the library may be made to the York Volunteer Association, Box 1206, Grafton.

"We hope to receive many more public and private dona-

tions of books," Mrs. Deskins said.

Refreshments will be served following the ceremony. Members of the committee include Mrs. Martin Panak, Mrs. William Feller and Mrs. Kenneth Beacham.

Tentative plans for the library include a children's story hour from 10 to 11 a.m. Saturdays.

Eventual goal of the organization is to join with libraries in other localities in the area in a regional library system with the support of the county.

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are cordially invited

to the opening of the

PUBLIC LIBRARY

sponsored by the York

County Volunteer Assn.

Saturday, September 7th, 1968

Opening ceremonies commence

at 10:00 A. M.

At the YCVA center

Highway 17 and Dare Road

Grafton, Va.

Sept 7, 1968

FORMAL OPENING OF LIBRARY

PROGRAM

Invocation

Reverend Henry B. Sudduth

Appreciation and Acknowledgements

Mr. Marshall J. Hughes, III

Mrs. E. T. Deskins

Presentation of gifts and donations

Mrs. Lloyd Keafer

Recognition of Volunteers

Mrs. E. T. Deskins

Dedication

Mr. Raymond T. Sparrer

Distribution of Borrower's Cards

Keyettes

Refreshments

County Officials at Opening-

Bethel Dist.--Rodgers Smith

Bruton Dist.--Dick Hill

THE YORK COUNTY VOLUNTEER ASSN., INC.
wishes to express it's gratitude for the
community support of the Library project,
particularly to those individuals who:

put in many hours of volunteer work,
donated equipment and materials,
donated books,
furnished flowers (Piney Point Garden Clubs).

Library Chairman: Mrs. E. T. Deskins
Consulting Librarian and System Layout Chairman:
Mr. Marshall J. Hughes, III

Refreshments: Mrs. Martin Panak
Mrs. William Feller
Mrs. Kenneth Beechum

Parking: Key Club

We still have some needs. Can you help?

Installation of heating and lighting
(we have materials.)
Refinishing furniture
Staffing of circulation desk
Making bookends
Children's books
Funds for operation

Book donations can be brought to the Library
or call Mrs. Deskins (877-2346). Cash
donations should be made to York County
Volunteer Association, Inc., PO Box 1206,
Grafton, Virginia, marked "for library".

Library hours: Monday, Wednesday, Friday
10 AM - 12 Noon
Saturday 9 AM - 12 Noon

Library Phone: 898-8411

WATCH: DATE BOOK on Channel 13
9 AM, Saturday, September 10th.

LISTEN: WVEC Radio 1360
9:10 AM, Saturday, September 10th.

County Officials at Opening-

Bethel Dist.- -Rodgers Smith

Bruton Dist.- -Dick Hill



C. —Raymond Sparrer, president of the York County Jaycees, cuts ribbon to open County's first public library in a two-story frame house on U.S. 17 at Dare. Looking on is Mrs. E. T. Dreskins, chairman of the County Volunteer Association. The association was instrumental in formulating plans.

York Library Is Dedicated

York County's first public library was dedicated Saturday as the first step towards establishment of adequate library service for the county.

Mrs. E. T. Dreskins, library chairman for the sponsoring County Volunteer Association, said the library located in a two-story frame house on U.S. 17 at Dare, "puts our foot in the door but we must all join together and work to keep the door open."

THE LIBRARY was established with volunteer labor and much of the equipment and books were donated.

Mrs. Dreskins said the library still needs books and funds and urged the more than 150 people attending the dedication ceremony to "seek out contributions."

"We must all work to see that this library is a success," Mrs. Dreskins said.

Raymond Sparer, president of the County Jaycees, cut the ribbon to officially open the library and, like Mrs. Dreskins, stressed the need for county-wide cooperation to make the venture a success.

HE SAID the library dedication marked the "beginning of the fulfillment of a dream."

The Jaycees were instrumental in preparing the old frame house for occupancy by the li-

brary as were members of the York County High School Keyettes.

Mrs. Dreskins and Albert Leslie, president of the volunteer association, both stressed the desire of the organization to see the library grow to become part of a regional library system to include Hampton, Newport News and James City County.

During the dedication of a set of World Book encyclopedias were presented by a representative of the company.

SEVERAL other donations were announced including a much needed typewriter table.

Marshal Hughes, National Aeronautics and Space Administration librarian, was introduced as the consultant librarian.

No books were checked out Saturday but Mrs. Dreskin said the over 4,000 books would begin going out today.

Library hours were announced as from 10 a.m. to noon and 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Fridays and from 9 a.m. to noon Saturdays.

from Drafter - Bethel School Bulletin

ATTENTION: ALL PTAers !!!!!

York County's first public library was recently opened on Saturday, September 7, 1968. It is located at the intersection of Dare Rd. , and route 17 between Grafton Anoco Service Station and Ma Tate's Restaurant in a white two-story residence. The hours are from 10:00 A.M. to noon-6 to 8 P.M. on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, and from 9 to 12 noon on Saturday. So come one- come all and take advantage of this new step forward in York County's history.



VOLUNTEERS STAFF YORK LIBRARY

More than 45 women, plus a number of high school students, volunteer their time in staffing the York Volun-

teer Library. Mrs. Robert L. Oneal checks out book with the help of volunteer, Mrs. W. F. Purdue.

Library Staff Volunteers 1968

INDIVIDUALS

Mrs. Beverly Dudley
Mrs. Molly Perdue
Mrs. Carol Beasley
Mrs. Joanne Mills
Mrs. Barbara Keffer
Mrs. Babs Darnell
Mrs. A.F. Penzold
Mrs. R.W. Hess
Mrs. Lois Gayle
Mrs. Mildred Newcomb
Mrs. Ida Collins
Mrs. Ruth Custer

Mrs. Scottie Beachum
Mrs. Catherine Yeager
Mrs. Rosemary Weddle
Mrs. Betty Emerson
Mrs. Helen Hubbard
Mrs. Shirley Adamowski
Mrs. Irene Dunaway
Mrs. Pat Foretich
Mrs. Ann O'Neal
Mrs. Jean LaRoche
Mrs. Claudia Wantage
Mrs. Marlyn Bradshaw

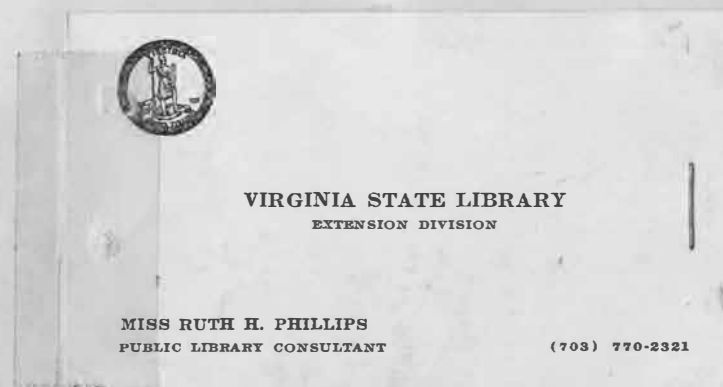
FAMILY GROUPS

The Martin Panaks
The J. M. Hughes
The F. T. Carmines

The F. E. McLeans
The R. A. Derys

September Visitors

September 25, 1968



September 26, 1968

Executive Board of the York PTA
Council

Jack Adams
Mrs. H. T. Baber, Jr.
Mrs. Sallie Cope
T. W. Conner
James Duvall

Mrs. W. J. Hadden
Mrs. L. S. Kaefer, Jr.
Edwin Morris
Sig Waclawski
Mrs. E. J. Deekins

September 30, 1968

Peninsula
Mrs. Elsie Mackay - Volunteer Bureau

1968

VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

Eighteen young people participated in the library program, an equal number of girls and boys. Some started in July and others in August.

Library processes learned included pasting pockets, burning call numbers, filing, shelving, typing accession sheets and catalog cards.

*Six teens exceeded a minimum of 25 hours of service during the limited time available to qualify for a Volunteer Certificate. Records and evaluation reports for these students were forwarded to school authorities and placed with their permanent file.

- * Kim Beachum
- * Laura Blevins
- * Betty Burns
- * Paula Deskins
- * Debbie Panak
- * Sandra Panak

Jim Massay
Alan Leimer
Robbie Hadden
Kenneth Franke
Linda Mullens
Becky Hamby

Chuck McLean
Chris James
Greg Feller
Douglas Carroll
Pam Newsome
Sara Terrell



One of the projects of the Yorktown Woman's Club will be in assisting the staff of the York Volunteer Library in circulation of books. The library, located in Grafton, opened Sept. 7. From left are Mrs. M. B. Cox, president, and Mr Ben Simmons.

York High School

KEYETTES

The Keyettes have been preparing books over the summer for the volunteer library which is located on Route 17. In October they plan to begin a "children's story hour" on Saturday mornings.

Library Staff Volunteers 1968

YORKTOWN WOMAN'S CLUB

Mrs. Margie Cox
Mrs. Anna Goddin
Mrs. Emily Hudson
Mrs. Alice Patterson
Mrs. Ruby Ingram
Mrs. Lena Mullens

Mrs. June Yeates
Mrs. Nancy Bertram
Mrs. Millie Simmons
Mrs. Selma Lawson
Mrs. Jo Jernigan

Cove View Woman's Club

Mrs. Alease Smith
Mrs. Rachel Feller
Mrs. Inez Byers
Mrs. Delores Windmuller
Mrs. Libby Wright
Mrs. Joan Collins

Mrs. Molly Day
Mrs. Ann Lash
Mrs. Ann Spivey
Mrs. Jane Dreher
Mrs. Polly Moore
Mrs. Carol Barrett



Mrs. Bowditch, Mrs. Downing and Mrs. Deskins discuss day's activities.

Virginia M. Downing - Oct 8th '68 -



YORK LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS

Members of Girl Scout Troop 348 and scout leaders are assisting York County's new volunteer library, located on Route 17, at Grafton. Helpers are

Sandra Panak, Mrs. Jimmie Collins, Mrs. Thomas Panak and Robin Collins.

October 15, 1968

Girl Scouts Troop 348
Hrahton, Virginia

Leaders: Mrs. Elizabeth Panak
Mrs. Joan Collins

Troop Committee Chairman: Mrs. Carolyn Lassiter

Juniors Girl Scouts:

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|---------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Cindy Lassiter | 17. Susie Irwin |
| 2. Susan Jones | 18. Candy Moore |
| 3. Anita Brodshaw | 19. Donna Brooks |
| 4. Robin Collins | 20. Shelley Brooks |
| 5. Sheryl Purvis | 21. |
| 6. Debbie Bruno | |
| 7. Clara Elizabeth | |
| 8. Marion Cooper | |
| 9. Sandra Panak | |
| 10. Kathleen Jones | |
| 11. Carol Adamowski | |
| 12. Jenny Heimrich | |
| 13. Kathy Redhall | |
| 14. Robin Brooks | |
| 15. Linda Jones | |
| 16. Kaye Furlington | |

Cadette Girl Scouts:

1. Angela Collins
2. Debbie Panak

Republican Women Will Meet Wednesday

YORKTOWN — Heritage Republican Woman's Club will hold its monthly meeting at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the home of Mrs. W. A. Hancock, Robanna Shore Seaford.

Mrs. E. T. Deskins, chairman of the newly established York County volunteer library, will be the guest speaker.

Mrs. Deskins will speak on the origin, establishment and hopes for the future of the library.

A workshop will be held after lunch to complete preparation for the club's booth at the Harvest Day Festival at New Market on Oct. 17-19.



REPUBLICANS PRESENT BOOKS

The York County Republican Committee and the Heritage Womens Club have presented seven new volumes to the York Volunteer Library on Route 17, Dare Road. Mrs. E. T. Deskins, library manager, said the books are the first new ones to be donated. From

left are Mrs. Deskins, Mrs. Clara C. Hancock, GOP chairman; and Mrs. Roy Kauffman, woman's club vice president. The volumes, published by the National Geographic Society, cover a wide range of subjects.

PUBLIC LIBRARY FACILITIES IN YORK

The only Public Library to serve the citizens of York County was opened officially on September 7, 1968. This is a "stop gap library"; the purpose being to serve the county for a period of from two to three years until more adequate services can be approved. It is hoped that the governing body of York can and will negotiate a contract with the Hampton City System and or other adjacent areas to form a Regional Library System. A few advantages of a Regional System are:

- (1) Save taxpayers money through volume purchasing
- (2) Eliminate duplication of effort
- (3) Enjoy a larger book collection through inter-library loans.

State funds for establishment of such a system will not be available until July 1, 1970. The State Library Extension Office in Richmond is much in favor of a Regional System to serve this area as opposed to establish another small and often mediocre private library.

The "stop gap library" that we now have is housed in a white two-story residence at the intersection of Dare Road on Route #17, between the Grafton Amdco Service Station and Ma Tate's Restaurant. We have no budget or source of revenue. The York County Volunteer Association, Inc., as one of the sponsoring organizations, provides the housing utilities and janitorial services. All other equipment and supplies are obtained by donations. Checks should be made payable to York County Volunteer Association, Inc., earmarked Library, and mailed to Box 1206, Grafton, Virginia. Staffing and services are strictly through the efforts of volunteers. There is no fulltime paid help. We need the services of community conscious citizens to help with book

- (1) Circulation
- (2) Processing
 - a. Pasting pockets
 - b. type catalog cards
 - c. repair
- (3) Filing and Shelving

No special skills are required for many of these jobs except willingness. Will you dare to serve your community? Mrs. Nancy Deskins is the Library Chairman and is happy to coordinate the volunteer staffing. Call her at 877-2346.

Our other sponsor is the York PTA Council and their sole obligation to the library is one of publicity and or education by informing citizenry of services needed.

Our books are acquired by donation only. Acquisition as of October 1, 1968, is approximately 4,000 volumes; 2,000 of which have been processed. Sources have been varied--other libraries (public, school, industrial, hospital), clubs and private collections. To enable us to have current or new titles on the shelves we want to encourage groups or individuals to purchase new books and present them to the library. Check with Mrs. Deskins before buying to avoid duplication. We, also, will accept "memorials" should you wish to honor a friend or relative. New books in either of the above mentioned categories will be recognized by a book plate or label indicating the source. All donations are tax-deductible and receipts will be given when requested. Donations may be brought to the library anytime it is open.

HOURS OF OPERATION
MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY
10 A.M. - Noon - 6 P.M.-8P.M.
SATURDAY
10 A.M. - Noon
Library Phone (unlisted) 898-8411

The normal circulation period is two weeks with the right to renew for an additional two weeks. Listed below are the unique features of our library.

1. We do circulate some encyclopedias, Americana, Comptons, Funk and Wagnall and two unfamiliar sets on a two-day basis.
2. We do have a paperback shelf.

3. We do check out back issues of The National Geographic Magazine.
4. We do shelve some supplementary textbooks.
5. We have a pre-school picture-book shelf.

The "stop gap library" will prove its worth to the community by the number of books it circulates. The library can serve in furthering the education of our citizenry, be they, preschoolers, drop-outs, high school graduates or college graduates. The library also serves the recreational and cultural needs of some as it affords a constructive use of leisure time.

The goal of any library is to circulate books. Won't you help us. Library membership is free and by individual rather than by families. Come join and take advantage of this new step forward in York County's history.

Copies of the above information was made available by the York County PTA Council.

The Welcome Wagon, Mrs. Jane Hudgins 898-6681, delivers copies to new area residents.

York County Library Fears The Cold

By ROBERT A. GRAVES

Yorktown Bureau

YORKTOWN — The York County Volunteer Library, entering its third month of operation, has been successful even though cold weather is posing a problem, according to Mrs. E. T. Deskins, library chairman.

"We need a heating system if we are going to continue our success through the winter," she said.

"We are using electric space heaters at this time and they may not be adequate in colder weather. We need people who have knowledge of heating systems for help in installation problems."

Accepting Donations

Mrs. Deskins commented the library is still accepting donation, which can be taken to the facility at any time.

The library is located in an old, one-story white structure on Route 17 at Grafton, near the intersection with Dare Road.

"We are still processing the books which have been donated and we have a fairly good collection," Mrs. Deskins said. "We have processed more than 3,500 books and still have about 1,500 more to be processed."

Mrs. Deskins said there is room in the library for more books.

"Many volunteers have helped us in establishing the library, constructing shelves, staffing the desk to check books in and out and in repairing bindings and cataloging," she said.

"Members of women's clubs and others help staff the library. The York High Keyette Club staffs the library every Saturday the year around."

The library, sponsored by the York County Volunteer Association, has the support of the York County Council of Parent-Teacher Associations.

"This is the only public library serving the citizens of the county," Mrs. Deskins said. Opened officially Sept. 7 of this year, it operates from 10 a.m. to noon and from 6 to 8 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, and from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturdays.

Membership at the library

has gained steadily since it opened its doors with the latest count showing 233 members. Approximately 214 books were circulated in October. Children's books are more popular with county residents, with more than 140 checked out in one month.

Mrs. Deskins emphasized the facility is a "stop-gap library" which can serve the county for two or three years, until more adequate services can be approved.

"It is hoped the governing body of York can and will negotiate a contract with the Hampton city system or other adjacent areas to form a regional library system," she said.

A regional library system, she commented, would save taxpayers money through volume purchasing, eliminate duplication of effort and provide a larger book collection through inter-library loans.

"State funds for establishment of such a system will not be available until July 1, 1970," she said. "The State Library Extension Office in Richmond is much in favor of a regional system to serve this area, as opposed to establishment of another small and often mediocre private library."

"We have no budget or source of revenue. The Volunteer Association, as one of the sponsoring organizations, provides housing utilities and janitorial services and all other equipment and supplies are obtained through efforts of volunteers. There is no full-time paid help."

"We need the services of community-conscious citizens to help with book circulation, processing, which includes pasting pockets, typing cards, repair, and filing and shelving," she said.

Mrs. Deskins said the sources of books have been varied and include other libraries, such as public, school, industrial and hospital facilities, clubs and private collections.

The normal circulation period is two weeks, with the right to renew for an additional two weeks. The library circulates some encyclopedias, there is a paperback shelf and some sup-

plementary textbooks are available.

Mrs. Deskins stressed library membership is free.

"The 'stop-gap library' will prove its worth to the community by the number of books it circulates," she said. "The library can serve in furthering the education of our citizenry, be they preschoolers, dropouts, high school or college graduates."

"The library also serves the recreational and cultural needs of some as it affords a constructive use of leisure time."

Mrs. Deskins said half of the staffing of the library is provided by the Yorktown and Cove View Women's Clubs. "We have a total of 45 women volunteers," she said. "We need at least 10 more to complete the minimum requirements for staffing."

P-TA AT MAGRUDER

The Magruder-Magruder Annex P-TA will meet Jan. 13 at 8 p. m. at the school. A nominating committee will be appointed at the meeting.

Mrs. E. T. Deskins will speak on the subject, "Public Libraries for York County."

'Infant' York Public Library Shows Volunteer Support

YORKTOWN — After four months of operation, York Public Volunteer Library records showed a membership of 408 and a total of 4,070 books donated and processed, according to Mrs. E. T. Deskins, library chairman.

The library, sponsored by the York County Volunteer Association in coordination with area Parent-Teacher Associations, was officially opened in September and is the first facility of its kind in the county.

Mrs. Deskins said library representatives plan to approach the York County Board

of Supervisors soon in a search for financial support.

Circulation figures from September to January indicated 430 adult and 540 children's books had been checked out.

"These figures," Mrs. Deskins said, "indicate that library services are needed and wanted, and that many citizens have already supported the library with their time, services, money and books."

Mrs. Deskins said the library participated in the Peninsula Volunteer Bureau's "volunteer program."

"Teens of intermediate school

age and above have an opportunity to earn hours in service to their community during next summer in a similar program," she said. "Records are kept and forwarded to school officials and they are then filed with the students' permanent records."

The library chairman said 52 volunteers, mostly women and family groups, plus members of the Keyette Club staffed the library 14 hours a week.

"The hours of operation could be extended if additional volunteers were available," she said.

"Also, services such as a children's story hour and film pro-

gram could be inaugurated if we could find an organization to sponsor and implement it." Mrs. Deskins noted all of the books the library has acquired are gifts.

"We accept all donations with the exception of periodicals, which at this time we're not equipped to handle, because of space and staff limitations," she said.

"Because the bulk of our collection is used and acquired with no thought to specific areas of interest. We want to encourage cash donations with which new books can be obtained."

"A one-third discount is available to libraries when ordering in lots of 25 books or more and donations are tax deductible."

Mrs. Deskins reported the York Library has inaugurated a memorial program, following the general established library policy of placing a book plate in the book. In addition, she said, two forms are sent to the family of the deceased, one sent immediately along with flowers and another later, upon receipt of the book, bearing the book's title.

The chairman pointed out memorial book programs exist

in practically all public libraries and noted the program of the Abilene, Kan., public library netted the Kansas facility \$2,302 in 1967 and \$1,982 the previous year.

Books presented to the library in honor of a person are handled in much the same way as memorials, she said. Patrons may wish to honor club presidents, teachers, principals, friends or relatives upon retirement, birthday, holidays or special occasions, it was explained.

"Garden clubs in Newport News have presented numerous books to the Main Street library on topics of gardening,

flower arranging and landscaping by way of honoring past presidents," she said.

Cash donations to the library during its four months of operation during 1968 totaled \$161, while new books bought and donated were valued at \$145 and a donated reference encyclopedia worth \$179 brought total gifts to \$486.

Total expenses for library supplies amounted to \$126 and utilities were paid by the volunteer association.

"A sizable gift has already been received for the new fiscal year," Mrs. Deskins reported.

"A local family presented a

check in the amount of \$260 for new books on oceanography, English literature and modern social problems."

Mrs. Deskins is urging patrons of the library to call members of the Board of Supervisors and the County Planning Commission to solicit action "so we can look forward to improved facilities within two or three years."

The library operates Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 10 a.m. to noon and 6 to 8 p.m., while on Saturday it is open from 10 a.m. to noon.

"We have acquired a number of new titles for the library,

both fiction and nonfiction," Mrs. Deskins said.

In the former category are "Airport," by Arthur Hailey and "Couples," by John Updike.

New non-fiction titles are "Collis Potter Huntington," "Anna Huntington," "Exploring Space with a Camera," "Basic American Ideals," "Iberia," "New York Times Complete Book of Home Repair," "Exploring Canada," "Our Country's Presidents," "Everyday Life in Bible Times," "America's Historylands," "Wondrous World of Fishes" and "Wild Animals of North America."

HOW CAN WE SUPPORT YORK'S PUBLIC LIBRARY?

On January 1, 1969, after four months of operation, York Public Library records showed a membership of 408 and a total of 4,070 books donated and processed. Circulation records for Wednesday, December 18, 1968, indicated forty adult and twenty-nine children's books checked out on that date. These facts indicate that library services are needed and wanted and that many citizens have already supported the library with their time, services, money and books.

A. TIME AND SERVICES

Last summer the library participated in the Peninsula Volunteer Bureau's "Volunteer Program." Please inform "teens" (Intermediate School and above) of this opportunity to earn hours in service to their community during the summer of 1969. Records are kept and forwarded to school officials. They are then filed with the students permanent records.

Fifty-two volunteers (mainly women, some family groups) plus the York Keyette Club staff the library fourteen (14) hours per week.

The hours of operation could be extended if additional volunteers were available. Also, services such as a children's story hour and film program could be inaugurated if we could find an organization to sponsor and implement it.

B. DONATIONS -- Money and Books

All books are acquired as gifts. We accept all donations with the exception of periodicals which at this time we're not equipped to handle because of space and staff limitations.

Because the bulk of our collection is used and is acquired with no thought to specific areas of interest, we want to encourage cash donations with which new books might be obtained. A one-third discount is available to libraries when ordering in lots of twenty-five books or more. Donations are tax deductible.

I. MEMORIALS -- Memorial Book Programs exist in practically all public libraries. The Abilene Public Library, Abilene Kansas, mailed a report to Mrs. Beverly Dudley, classification chairman for the York Public Library. The report gave these figures: (Abilene Report)

Memorials	
1965	\$1,483.92
1966	1,962.57
1967	2,302.72

Here in York we have inaugurated a memorial program. It follows the general established library policy of placing a book plate with the name of the donor and the memorialized in the book. In addition two forms are sent to the family of the deceased. One is sent immediately along with flowers, etc. and another is sent later (upon receipt of the book) bearing the book's title. (Sample forms are available on request at Library.)

II. HONORARIUMS -- Books presented in honor of someone are handled in much the same way as memorials. You may wish to honor club presidents, teachers, principals, friends or relatives upon retirement, birthday, holidays or special

occasions. Garden Clubs in Newport News have presented numerous books to the Main Street Library on the topics of gardening, flower arranging and landscaping by way of honoring past presidents.

III. GIFTS -- Cash donations for the four months of operation during 1968 totaled \$161.50. New books bought and donated were valued at \$145.00. The total in gifts recorded ~~\$306.50~~. The total expenses for library supplies (catalog cards, book pockets, paste, marking tape, etc.) were \$126.95. Utilities were paid by the Y.C.V.A.

see below
* omitted

\$486.30

Cash	\$ 161.50
Fiction + Non-Fic.	145.00
* Reference Encl.	179.80
Total	\$ 486.30

C. PUBLICIZE

Although we have had TV, radio and newspaper coverage many people are not aware that the facility exists. Talk about it. Call members of the Board of Supervisors and Planning Commission and solicit action on their part so that we can look forward to improved facilities within two or three years.

D. USE

To prove that we need and want good library services for the citizens of York County use and encourage others to use the existing facilities. Offer transportation to those in the community who because of age or condition don't drive. PTA, Church, or club sponsored car-pools may provide the transportation needs.

HOURS OF OPERATION

MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY

10 A.M. - NOON - 6 P.M. - 8 P.M.

SATURDAY

10 A.M. - NOON (ONLY)

LIBRARY PHONE (UNLISTED) 898-8411

LIBRARY CHAIRMAN: Mrs. E. T. Deskins 877-2346

YORK PUBLIC LIBRARY

In memory of
(In honor of)

Presented by

THE CASE FOR PUBLIC LIBRARY SERVICES IN YORK

FEBRUARY 6, 1969

Gentlemen:

Our purpose is to present the case for Public Library Services in York County. Many areas within our state and nation with smaller populations than that of York County enjoy and have enjoyed for many years the benefits of public library services. Prior to September 7, 1968 Public Library Services were non-existent in our county. Library facilities existed only for school age children. This left quite an age span without services - the voting, taxpaying group was neglected. The children have had their spokesman in the Superintendent of Schools and the School Board but we must pity the post-graduate and the pre-schooler. What about their educational growth and cultural enrichment? Mr. Average Citizen has had no spokesman to make request for him but we believe that the many citizens through their gifts of time, services, books and money to the "Stop Gap Library" have proved beyond a shadow of a doubt that Public Library services are wanted and needed in York County.

"ACTIONS SPEAK LOUDER THAN WORDS."

450 members have enrolled after 5 months in operation.

6000 books have been donated.

4000 books have been processed and shelved.

1500 books have been circulated.

473 books were circulated in January alone (211 adult, 262 juvenile.)

82 volunteers staff the operation.

\$751.14 has been donated in cash and NEW books.

The question confronting you is not do the citizens need or want library services but rather how can services be most effectively continued and expanded? At the current rate of book acquisitions the "Stop Gap Library" will outgrow the building presently being used within 2 years. Furthermore, the lease will expire and it is our understanding that the owner plans to clear the property for commercial purposes. The urgency for action is evident. Therefore we have three requests to make of this board

body.

1. Have an immediate survey made by a library committee or consultant, appointed or hired by this board, to present a report within 3 months outlining the most desirable and feasible plan for procedure in establishing Public Library Services in the County of York.
2. So that services initiated by the "Stop Gap Library" might not be disrupted or the collection lost or scattered, we further request that this Board make plans to house the existing collection not later than January 1, 1971 and assume responsibility for its growth and development.
3. As to how library services will be inaugurated (Bookmobile vs. Branch) is a decision which this Board will have to make but in agreement with the Hoyt-Galvin Report (library consultants) and the State Library Extension Office we would urge that you give special consideration to the merits of a Regional System.

As Board members you hear increased demands for services but in your evaluation of priorities remember that a public library serves its community as an informational source, educational source, cultural source and recreational source.

Public Library System Is Sought In York County

By MARCIA DONOVAN
Times-Herald Staff Writer

The York Volunteer Library is asking top priority be given to the establishment of a public library system in York County.

Mrs. Nancy Deskins, library coordinator, said the volunteer library is only a "stop-gap" solution to the need for library facilities because it must run solely on donations.

Prior to the formation of the York Volunteer Library, which began operations last September, there were no public library facilities in the county with the exception of school libraries.

"Since we have been in operation, we have found that public demand for services has been more than we can meet," she said.

The library is housed in three rooms of a two-story frame house at Route 17 and Dare Road and it houses 6,000 books. Mrs. Deskins said 83 volunteers provide their services to operate the library,

and library circulation has been increasing each month.

She said the library leases the building and may remain in its current location until 1971. The rent, utilities and janitorial services are provided by the York County Volunteer Association.

Mrs. Deskins said the main problem is obtaining money for operating expenses such as catalogue cards, stationary and other office supplies. As of Jan. 1, only \$161.60 has been provided to purchase these supplies.

"Right now we have no funds," she said.

Mrs. Deskin pointed out that the library does receive other donations but they are earmarked for the purchase of books. She said a recent donation of \$751.14 can only be spent on oceanography, English literature and history books.

The York Volunteer Library has asked the York Board of Supervisors to have an immediate survey made by a li-

brary committee or a professional consultant to present a report on public library needs to the board in three months.

Mrs. Deskins said the board has asked Harland Bartholomew and Associates, library consultants in Richmond, to make a preliminary report three weeks. The board will then decide on whether to hire a consultant to further study the issue. The study would take six months, according to Mrs. Deskins.

"We would like to see an established library system within the next two years, but we are asking that there be immediate preliminary study, study," she said.

The board also was asked to make plans to house the existing collection before Jan. 1, 1971, and to assure responsibility for the library's growth and development.

The third request was for the board to decide on whether there should be a bookmobile system or branch library system.

York Will Get Library System Plan

A plan for development of an adequate library system to serve the people of York County will be unfolded for the County Board of Supervisors Thursday.

Mrs. T. Dreskins, chairman of the library committee for the York Volunteer Association, said her committee will present the plan to the county supervisors outlining the needs and make requests for establishment of a public library.

The association is expected to

suggest the supervisors appoint a committee or hire a consultant to study the needs of the county and present a feasibility report.

In the past the association has leaned toward the possible establishment of a regional library system to include Hampton and Williamsburg and possibly Newport News.

The association opened a "stopgap" library in a two-story frame house on U. S. 17 near

Grafton in September.

Mrs. Dreskins said the county has already outgrown the facility and the lease on the building will run out next September.

She said the property owner is expected to raze the building to construct a commercial structure on the site.

The Board is also scheduled to:

Consider appointment of new member to the Christopher

Newport College Board of Directors.

Endorse master plans for development of additions to Patrick Henry Airport.

Consider application for use permit to allow sale of heavy equipment at York Motors on U. S. 17 near the Newport News city limit.

Consider application for special use permit to allow trailer on property where home is being constructed.

Survey Of Community Needs In Progress In York County

By ROBERT A. GRAVES
York County Bureau

YORKTOWN—A study of public service needs of the county, including library facilities, has been ordered and a preliminary report is expected within three weeks, it was revealed Thursday night at a meeting of the York County Board of Supervisors.

The announcement was made following a request by supporters of the York Volunteer Library for an immediate survey by a library committee or consultant outlining the most desirable and feasible plan for establishing public library services for the county.

The delegation making the request was represented by Mrs. Nancy Deskins and Mrs. Iris Anderson.

Community Services

The group was told the study requested by the county will also include the need for other community services.

The delegation also requested the board to make plans to house the existing book collection of the volunteer library not later than Jan. 1, 1971, and assume responsibility for its growth and development "so that services initiated by the 'stop-gap library' might not be disrupted or the collection lost or scattered."

Mrs. Deskins urged the board to give special consideration to the merits of a regional library system.

Regional Study

William P. Larew, executive secretary to the board, advised the group the Peninsula Regional Planning Commission has a study under way on the feasibility of a regional library, which would include York and five other localities.

Mrs. Deskins told the board that prior to last September public library services were non-existent in the county and that library facilities existed only for school age children.

In other business, the board appointed Larew and Richard Hill, member of the board from Bruton District, to an interim committee to study the advisability of developing a public sewage plan for areas in York and James City Counties and the city of Williamsburg.

The committee will review recommendations of the Hampton Roads Sanitation District

Commission in relation to a regional plan.

Bruton Facilities

Larew commented that present sanitary facilities in the Bruton area of York are rapidly becoming loaded.

"We can see the time when we won't be able to accept any more customers in the sanitary district," he said. "The governing body has to find a way to treat additional sewage, in the area or we are stopped."

The executive secretary said developers are continuing to make plans involving the Bruton area and the latest project proposed includes 181 townhouses and an 80-home subdivision.

The board approved a master plan for development of Patrick Henry Airport, as recommended by the Peninsula Regional Planning Commission. The cities of Hampton and Newport News have already given approval.

The plan calls for extension of an existing runway and expanded general aviation and cargo facilities.

Road Names

Charles Hogge, presenting a petition bearing the names of 60 property owners, requested the board to retain the name of Wormley Creek Road, which has been in existence for about 100 years.

He asked the board to change the name of Wormley Creek

Drive in Marlbank Farms to avoid confusion.

Chairman John P. Wornom advised Hogge such a name change has been considered, but residents of the road will be informed and asked to comment before any action is taken.

The board took under consideration a request from J. C. Tsigoglou for a conditional use permit to allow him to use the old building of York Motors for a sales agency for used heavy equipment.

It instructed its staff to prepare a set of conditions to accompany the permit, such as provisions to maintain a suitable appearance and to require repairing and storage to take place within the building.

School Signs

The board requested Larew to ask the State Highway Department to erect school caution and speed signs at York-shire Academy on Route 171.

A six-month permit was granted to Guy A. Rush which will allow him to park a trailer on his property in Heritage Hamlet during construction of a home.

The board appropriated \$103 as its share in participation in a case involving the N&W Railroad, which will be heard by the State Corporation Commission March 10. The case deals with assessment of railroad property for tax purposes.

Decision Expected On Study Of Needs

YORKTOWN — Reports on the Thursday night meeting of the York County Board of Supervisors indicated a survey is in progress on community needs.

John P. Wornom, board chairman, said Friday the study has not yet been ordered, but a decision on one is expected in the next few weeks.

He said the supervisors have conferred with a representative of Harland Bartholomew and Associates concerning a study of recreational facilities. Also discussed was the cost of a study of all community needs, he said, including schools, county offices, libraries, garbage collection and sewage services.

Regional Library Report Due Tomorrow

Mar. 17, 1969

By MYRTLE BARNES
Times-Herald Staff Writer

"I see the whole Peninsula as a regional library system one day," says Miss Florence Yoder, head of extension service for Virginia's State Library.

That vision is echoed by many Peninsulars, including governmental officials who suggested that Peninsula Regional Planning Commission investigate the possibilities of regional library facilities.

PRPC's preliminary report on the library question is expected to appear tomorrow when the group meets in Williamsburg.

If the report is favorable, the Peninsula may also find more financial help in implementing the idea coming in the future from the state.

A study of state libraries, completed late last fall by Arthur Little Company for the State Library, calls for a wholesale step-up in state aid to libraries.

The study, which received the backing of the Virginia Library Association, recommends that the state supply a sum equal to 20 per cent of funding for each library.

It stresses formation of regional libraries and would pay additional supplements of \$30 per square mile and \$20,000 for each political subdivision included in the regional set-up.

Currently, regional libraries get only \$25,000 maximum from state and federal funds, while individual municipal libraries which can meet state minimums of qualified head

librarians and \$1 per capita spent in local funding, qualify for up to \$20,000 each.

Much of the state's allocation from federal funds in recent years has gone into demonstration libraries, designed to reach the 20 per cent of Virginians with no public library service.

But the state study calls for this effort now to be channeled into regional libraries, with beefed up extension services on the state level since it says demonstration libraries have served their purpose.

Presumably many of the study's conclusions will be presented to the 1970 General Assembly, either as recommendations from the Governor for the State Library, or as bills from interested legislators.

Many see this as an ideal time for forming a Peninsula regional library: Newport News is just uniting its system, York County is contemplating one, Williamsburg has a small library which serves but doesn't meet all the needs of James City County as well, and Hampton has a bustling library system on the brink of building a big, central library.

Once Hampton gets construction underway on its own central facility, and Newport News considers building one of its own, both communities might be reluctant to consider the additional cost of a regional facility.

The regional concept would build one large library (costing \$1-\$2 million with great resource capacity for reference, audio-visual services,

reference question - answering service by telephone and in person, and similar services too expensive for one locality to undertake.

It would be the headquarters for a series of branch libraries which would continue to serve the reading needs for leisure and minor reference of the residential areas.

There is already a good foundation for the branch libraries in Newport News and Hampton, and it could be extended with branches in York County, Fox Hill, Poquoson, and other population centers. Bookmobile service which Hampton has found popular might supply some of the branch-library needs as well.

If the state study recommendations were to be adopted in toto, the cost would be

about \$5.5 million a year. But even if they're not adopted completely, what changes are made would seem to favor additional state help for regional libraries. Federal funding is also available for construction of regional facilities, though the waiting list is long.

Other improvements called for by the study body would establish a statewide union catalog, a telegraphic (TWX) hookup between libraries, make queries about book availability answerable immediately, a state system of interlibrary loans calling on regional libraries to become resource centers in special areas of interest, rather than all libraries duplicating the same kind of reference material in areas with only limited overall application.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, MARCH 19,
PLANNERS TOLD

Funds, Authority May Halt Library

By SCOTT COPELAND
Daily Press Staff Writer

Development of a Peninsula regional library system could be accomplished by any one of three plans but each bumps into the difficulties of funding and authority, the Peninsula Regional Planning Commission was told Tuesday.

The Peninsula Association for Retarded Children asked for received endorsement for federal - state matching funds for the establishment of a mental health council in the area.

In giving the endorsement PRPC agreed to work in close cooperation with such a group and believed the liaison established would be beneficial both ways and for the growth of a children's mental health program.

Henry Cochran, PRPC executive director, presented a request from the PARC to select an alternate site for a state residential facility for mentally retarded.

Originally the commission had suggested the Sarah Bonnell Hudgens center and some property located near the Riverside Hospital for the facility. However, the Riverside site has been withdrawn according to Cochran.

PRPC emphasized its choice is the Sarah Bonnell Hudgens property and that the additional acreage to meet the 100-acre requirement is available.

Cochran was directed to select an alternate site from the four remaining locations considered during the first study and report to the April 15 meeting of the commission at Yorktown.

The three alternatives for establishing a regional library system are through a cooperative agreement among the several political communities; a regional library board appointed by the Circuit Courts or a library service district which would operate under the final Metropolitan area planning.

Cochran said that of the three, he believed the service system would be the best for the Peninsula. This method would be the least troublesome to fund in that this type of administration could levy its own tax, based upon the assessed value of real estate in the area.

He said location of a regional center, which would not only be a library, but also a supply center and central point for bookmobile operations, would best serve the area economically if it was situated at the intersection of Interstate 64 and Mercury Boulevard.

Cochran, in reply to a question on state funding, said, according to a report prepared for the State Library Board by Arthur Little, which will be presented to the 1970 General Assembly, there will be recommendations for state assistance to regional library facilities.

Questioned on the tax which could be levied by the service system plan, Cochran said Newport News today is spending three cents, Hampton six cents and the Peninsula average is four cents per \$100 of assessed values of real property.

He suggested that the PRPC should be prepared with recommendations from this area when the Little report is received.

Rt. 3, Box 8



YORK LIONS CLUB
YORKTOWN, VIRGINIA
23490



Mrs. E. T. Deskins,
York County Vol. Asso. Library,
Rt. 17,
Yorktown, Virginia 23490.

Rec'd. check in the amount of \$100.00

Memo

From

To

Mrs. Scuthall
in Mr. Van Buren's office
March 25, 1969

Dear Mrs. Deskins:

We are sending the Library at Yorktown all the copies we have on hand and the 1968 World book will be mailed to you when we get our new supply in.

Mr. Van Buren is indeed interested in the Library and wish you much luck - sounds like you people are workers.

April 3, 1969

Dear Mrs. Deskins,

Patrick

Henry Hospital appreciates very much the contribution of books sent to us. We thank you very much for your thoughtfulness.

Sincerely,
Shirley Cauthon

Occupational
Therapy Dept.



ART DISPLAY—Mrs. Marylou Sawyer, right, York elementary art consultant, and Mrs. Nancy Deskins, library chairman, prepare display of art from seven county elementary schools. Show will be at the York Volunteer Library today through May 12.

York Volunteer Bargain Box Sets 'Happening'

YORKTOWN — The York Volunteer Association Bargain Box will hold a "happening" April 12 adjacent to the volunteer library on Route 17.

Members will sell items for the benefit of the library and other association activities and food and music for entertainment will be offered.

The group, which has been collecting both new and used items for sale, is enlisting the aid of all women who work in the various activities of the association.

Proceeds will be added to other funds raised by the association for its assistance projects, which include a tutoring program, a kindergarten, a mother and child program in Lackey, the library and general assistance.

They include Mrs. Edith Ritter, Mrs. Bea Fairfield, Mrs. Marion Caywood, Mrs. Lilly Jones, Mrs. Gloria Cousins, Mrs. Thelma Anderson, Mrs. Margaret Whiteside and Mrs. Estella Slavnik.

Purpose of the bargain box is to make it possible for residents to obtain good used clothing at a small fraction of its original cost and the funds generated by the activity finance numerous projects, including rent for the library building and the feeding, clothing, and provision of medical aid for needy individuals.

The month of April was designated as Teaching Career Month and York's chapter of the FTA allotted a special week to carry out this theme.

In order to continue with their project at the York County Volunteer Library, the FTA sponsored a book drive with Sally Crafford and Phyllis Colbreth serving as chairmen.

York County Volunteers Named Top Group Of '68

The York County Volunteer Association was selected the top volunteer group of 1968 by the Volunteer Bureau of United Community Services last night at an awards meeting at C. Alton Lindsay Junior High School, Hampton.

The award was presented to Albert Leslie, president of the association, for its initiation of volunteer projects in the county.

Mrs. Elsie Meehan, director of the Volunteer Bureau, said the group has been in existence

only a year and a half.

"Yet in that brief time, so many families and individuals have been touched that we felt this organization can stand tall and proud before others giving decades of service," she said.

The organization's work included establishing a used clothing and furniture outlet for lower income families, providing financial and material aid to more than 100 families in the county and establishing a volunteer library on Route 17 in Grafton. The library and store are completely staffed by volunteers.

The association also established a transportation committee to provide transportation to people who have to go to health clinics, hospitals and doctor's offices. In March, 1968, a kindergarten, nursery school and mothers' program was initiated in the Lackley area for approximately 90 children and 16 mothers.

Selected as the top volunteer of 1968 was Mrs. Stanley Drucker of 8 Booth Circle, Newport News. Mrs. Drucker has been chairman of the volunteer program at the Cerebral Palsy Training Center for the past three years and does weekly volunteer work at the center.

She is also a member of the board of directors of the Hiddenwood Parent-Teachers Association, a member of the Peninsula Community Services Planning Council, and the 1968 vice president of the community services section of Hampton Roads Chapter of the National Council of Jewish Women.

Mrs. Drucker was also cited as being instrumental in the organization of Council's Pre-School in Hampton and the formation of Brownie troops in the area.

Special recognition was given to Senior Girl Scout Troop '32 of Fort Monroe for its work in organizing a two week day camp at Gosnold Hope Park last summer.

"They planned, coordinated and directed the camp and, with six months of pre-planning, provided an effective and diversified program for inner-city children," said Mrs. Meehan.

Honorable mention was given to Mrs. John Halliday of the Heritage Girl Scout Council and the Senior Citizens Club of Hampton Senior Center.

Unit Sponsoring Children's Story Hour At Library

YORKTOWN — A story hour with the theme, "Travel with Books," is being presented at the York County Volunteer Library from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. on alternating Saturdays.

The story hour, for children in grades one and two, is being sponsored by the York High School Chapter of the Future Teachers of America.

This Saturday morning the emphasis will be on Japan, with Holland the topic on April 26, Greece on May 10 and France on May 24.

An elementary art exhibit, arranged by Mrs. Marylou Sawyer, elementary art consultant for York public schools, will be at the library through May 29.

A library report for February shows a total of 429 books were circulated during that month. The library membership has increased by 37, reaching 495 by the end of March.

New book titles include: "Lightning Out of Israel," "Triumph and Tragedy," "The Warren Report," "Four Days," "Patrick Henry," "Story of a Patriot," "Ernest Hemingway, a life story," "America's Garden Book," "Baby and Child Care," and "Panic in Needle Park."



ALBERT LESLIE

... accepts award

A tutoring program was also instituted and 45 volunteers are tutoring 49 potential school drop-outs on a one-to-one basis five days a week.

MAY 2, 1969

Plans Near For Regional Library Here

By MYRTLE BARNES
TIMES-HERALD STAFF WRITER

Peninsula Regional Planning Commission should have a recommendation ready within 90 days on establishment of a regional library here, says PRPC Director Henry Cochran.

Cochran addressed a meeting of the Newport News Library Board yesterday attended also by representatives of the Hampton library board and interested York residents. York has a temporary volunteer library now, and citizens have expressed an interest in a public library as a permanent service.

COCHRAN detailed the findings of the PRPC's preliminary staff study on the regional library concept, and said the finished report should be ready in 30 days.

The preliminary report — presented to PRPC members in March — recommends that a regional library be established somewhere in the area of Interstate 64 and Mercury Boulevard. It would serve all the member jurisdictions of PRPC — Newport News, Hampton, York and James City Counties, Williamsburg and Poquoson.

If PRPC does adopt the report's recommendations, Cochran said, its action would be relayed to the political units who probably would be asked to appoint a joint committee to work out implementation of the proposal.

Cochran explained that the PRPC study drew on past local and state library studies — including the 1966 Virginia Library Association one urging establishment of area cooperative systems; the 1968 Arthur Little report to the Virginia State Library Board calling for increased state support for regional libraries which the 1970 General Assembly will consider and consultant reports for Hampton and Williamsburg.

The Hampton 1966 Galvin report said a large central facility was needed, and the only feasible way to accomplish it would be on a regional basis. The followup master plan for city libraries called for a central building to replace Taylor Library with its location not yet pinpointed.

IF HAMPTON were to choose a site near 164 and Mercury Boulevard as the Galvin report suggested, Cochran said that central building might well be expanded to become the regional center.

were downtown, however, PRPC would have to give serious study to whether that site would be right for a regional library.

Implementing local financing of a regional library is the main problem, Cochran noted — particularly in the area of capital outlay, since city and counties have different rules about general obligation bonds (counties must go through public referendum).

Cochran noted three ways a regional library can be set up under existing state law:

Through cooperative agreement of the communities with a varying amount of control by the regional library over the branches. (PRPC says 12 branch libraries plus the main facility would be needed to serve the estimated 1985 population of 420,000.)

— Create a regional library board under Title 42 where the Court names board members, who must include the superintendent of schools from each locality involved. PRPC's staff has recommended proceeding under this section Cochran said. It would be financed by an annual appropriation from each locality, or could be handled by a separate library tax. The main drawback is that the system becomes somewhat divorced from political ties since the court, not councils or supervisors, names board members.

— CREATE a library service district under the new state Metropolitan Development Act with library board members elected by the citizens in part and appointed by the political bodies in part.

The law calls for service districts to operate on annual appropriations from participating localities, but these are based on assessed valuation rather than the population base which would probably be used in the first two organizational choices.

Cochran said if PRPC recommends a regional library, "it will need the real support and guidance of each of the independent library boards" to help it become reality.

"It will be a challenge to cooperate and support a regional system," Cochran said, "but it can be done."

MANY Peninsula citizens are not served by libraries now, Cochran added, and it seems logical that it will be less costly and more efficient to provide service on an areawide basis rather than duplicating services with four separate library systems.

Regional Library System Proposed

MAY 21,
1969

Development of a regional library system for the Peninsula by 1985 under cooperative agreements between the six local governing bodies is recommended by a staff study of the Peninsula Regional Planning Commission.

Henry Cochran, PRPC executive director, added that a committee composed of two representatives from each jurisdiction be named to:

1. Define areas of authority and responsibility to be assigned to a centralized processing system.

2. Identify the organization responsible for development of a central processing system and regional library.

3. Recommend a level of funding for such an organization.

4. Draft the cooperative agreements required to implement such an organization.

Cochran suggested that chairmen of the local library systems

be one of the two appointees from each city and county.

A report prepared for the Hampton Public Library Board cited \$2 million as an estimated cost for a central facility having 100,000 square feet of floor area.

Annual operating cost would be \$500,000, or about twice as much as is now spent, in total, by the various local boards.

One of the study conclusions is that, "Continuation of library service under the present systems will make more adequate service levels more difficult and more expensive to achieve."

Cochran also submitted a proposed charter for the Peninsula Planning District which, hopefully, will be organized from the present PRPC as quickly as possible after July 1.

He suggested five members each for Newport News and Hampton and four each for Poquoson, Williamsburg, York and James City Counties.

Included in the membership would be the chief administrative officer of each jurisdiction, the chairman of its planning commission.

By state law, a majority of the planning district commission must be elected representatives of the participating governing bodies.

That would mean three Newport News and Hampton councilmen and two from the other four governing bodies.

This would make a 26-member commission which some of the planners thought too large a group.

Newport News Councilman O. J. Brittingham also raised the question about having so many elected officials. He said it might tend to make the thing too political and tend to stymie the commission.

Brittingham, York County Executive William Larew and Hampton Vice Chairman Tom Waters were named a committee to go over the proposed charter and make recommendations at the June meeting.

Meanwhile, copies will be distributed to the governing bodies for local reaction.

York Planners Hear Report On Branch Library Proposal

September, 1969

By ROBERT A. GRAVES

York County Bureau

YORKTOWN — Bookmobile

service to citizens of the county would not be an adequate substitute for a branch library, J. Marshall Hughes II, consultant to the York County Volunteer Library, Tuesday night told members of the York Planning Commission.

The commission is currently reviewing a study of a committee of the Regional Planning Commission, which calls for establishment of a regional library system to include all localities on the Peninsula.

A bookmobile would not meet the purpose of a public library as described by the American Library Association, which is also contained in the library committee report, Hughes said.

Purposes of a library, according to the A.L.A., he said, are to facilitate informal education of all people in the community, enrich and further develop the subjects on which individuals are taking formal education, support educational, civic and cultural activities of groups and organizations, encourage wholesome recreation and constructive use of leisure time and to meet the informational needs of all.

Hughes emphasized that the community needs a permanent structure which will give it a place in the regional library system as an equal, not as a "poor relative."

"We are without huge sums of tax dollars which means we will either have to be the first helped or the last in line in the system," he said. "One a branch library can do this."

"The Peninsula is moving toward York County and we should prepare now to meet their cultural and educational needs — with a branch library, not a bookmobile."

Hughes said the people of the county have shown a definite desire for a public library and the York County Volunteer Association has partially quenched this desire with its "stop gap" library. He said the initial cost of a bookmobile is less than buying a building, but he noted that York need not go to great expense to provide a library.

The volunteer association, he said, has shown that this is not necessary.

"They have a building which is rented very inexpensively, the help is volunteer, the heating, air conditioning, furniture and shelves are donations and the books are gifts," he said.

"The same could be done for a branch library, which would

provide a structure which the York County taxpayer could use with pride."

Hughes said there are sites available which could be used with little or no cost.

"A bookmobile is only a temporary measure," he said, "It will provide some service, but any professional librarian will tell you that a bookmobile is but a supplement to a library, not a substitute. We need both, but it must be one without the other, then we should provide the best choice, not a supplement to the best."

Carl Anderson, professor at the College of William and Mary, who operates one of the departmental libraries there, agreed with Hughes that a permanent structure is preferable to a bookmobile.

Albert Leslie, president of the volunteer association which sponsors the volunteer library in York, said his organization has made arrangements with

the owner of the building now in use to operate there until July of 1970, and from that time arrangements will be on a month-to-month basis.

"When we have to leave the building, we do not know where we will go," he said.

Leslie estimated that the volunteer library here has from 5,000 to 6,000 books now.

William P. Larew, executive secretary to the York County Board of Supervisors, commented that the board has made a "left-handed agreement" to provide a place for the library's books.

Mrs. Iris Anderson, professor at Thomas Nelson Community College, and chairman of the library committee of the League of Women Voters of Hampton and Newport News, said the league is very much in favor of a strong regional library system for the whole Peninsula.

VISIT FROM HAMPTON LIBRARY HEAD

Sept. 4, 1969

Mike Ripkin

I visited for the first time today & was very impressed with the progress that the York County Library has made in its first year. All best wishes for continuing progress.

We Are Our Brothers' Keeper!

EDITOR'S NOTE: For the past few years the Federal government has spent millions of dollars in welfare handouts, job training programs and "head start" educational set-ups. There has been a great deal of criticism of the various programs. Some say a lot of the money has gone "down the drain" because of poor operational procedures.

Government planners would do well to consult a volunteer organization made up of York County citizens who, for the past two years, have been helping more than 100 area "down and out" families find shelter, food, jobs — and the program hasn't cost the taxpayers one single cent.

The secret ingredient has been personal involvement by people who truly believe that they are their brothers' keepers.



Problems are faced by all families from time to time. But for most families there are means for coping with them. They know where to go for help in emergencies.

However, for some, this is not the case. For some, the lack of employment, the lack of education, or family illness presents problems over which they have no control. They lack means of transportation to take a sick or hurt child for medical aid. They have no financial resources to fall back on when the father becomes temporarily unemployed, often because seasonal employment has been the only way of life he has ever known.

Lack of education and severe cultural deprivation cause parents to be unable to help the young children in the family learn to talk. When these children enter school, they are already behind their classmates in language skills. Within the first year the gap widens even more. Potential school dropouts can be identified by the time they are out of the cradle.

For about one hundred York County families caught in this vicious, complex cycle, a ray of hope has appeared. For two years the York County Volunteer Association has been at hand, twenty-four hours a day, to help wherever and whenever a need has been recognized.

This organization came into being when a group of dedicated men and women came face to face with a family of five who had not had any food for three days. Newcomers to the county from another state, they were not eligible for public welfare. For several weeks food was provided this family by these concerned volunteers. They tried desperately to help the father find and keep employment. When he appeared

ill, they sought medical aid for him and guaranteed the financial obligations incurred. When it was found that this father was suffering from an unusual and fatal illness, they provided funds for him and his family to be moved back to their former home where public assistance would be available.

From this beginning the York County Volunteer Association became a vital influence on many lives, as more and more families in trouble were discovered.

The basic philosophy of the Association is that people must be concerned for each other, and whatever happens to any family in the community ultimately affects everyone. Therefore, the services and resources of the Volunteers are used as far as they will stretch to meet human needs, with the children and the sick having priority. Volunteers do not sit in judgement on people who are hungry, or cold, or sick, but offer in friendship to help as best they can. The services are to meet emergency needs first — food for hungry children, wood or oil to warm a cold house, an electric bill paid so children can do their homework, medical attention and medicine for the sick, beds and blankets for children who may be sleeping on the floor or in automobiles, and, especially, shoes and other clothing so children can go to school.

In addition to emergency needs, the YCVA tries to help find a place to live, a job, or whatever is required to help a family meet its own needs — and this is the more difficult role.

This work is done directly by a group assigned this responsibility which includes a representative from each of the elementary school Parent-Teacher Associations. People or needs are referred by school nurses, public health agencies, and neighbors. But whether emergency, or long term need, the Volunteers want always to let those who need their services know they are genuinely concerned for them — even when they cannot help. And the response of those helped has generally been that they want to work with the Volunteers to help someone else in turn.

According to Mrs. John E. Yeates Jr., chairman of the YCVA Welfare Committee, "If the problems of our community are to be solved, it will be when the people living in the community are willing to get involved personally." And this the Volunteers try to do.

Assisting Mrs. Yeates in this endeavor over the past year have been: Mesdames H. H. Hamilton, J. F. McNulty, J. E. Eversole, W. B. Olstad, M. W. Byrum, Linwood Lawson, Roger Fournier, Wm. Chitten-



The association provides York County with a public library with books collected through donations from citizens. Processing books from left, are Mrs. Gary P. Beasley, Mrs. George Dudley and Mrs. E. T. Deskins.

den, S. A. Tucker, E. C. Hastings, Jr., H. T. Baber, Jr., R. J. Pegg, J. Difley and J. Johnson.

To help finance the many projects of the YCVA, the Bargain Box opened in late 1967 at the Baptist Mission on Hornsbyville Road. This is a used clothing and furniture outlet, the proceeds of which provide the financial resources for the work of the Association. Within recent weeks this operation has moved to a new location on Route 17 near the Dare Road intersection, though the Mission continues as the deposit station for anyone wishing to donate saleable items.

Volunteers for more than 18 months have staffed the Bargain Box, keeping it open five days a week, mending, cleaning, sorting, and selling. At present Mrs. Marion Caywood is serving as chairman of the committee in charge of this work. She is assisted by a number of volunteers who are willing to give a



Mrs. George Massey, left, and Mrs. Henry Edge provide tutoring in remedial reading to Thomas Jamerson as part of volunteer association's contribution to the community.

few hours a week to this worthwhile cause. Mrs. Caywood is also assisted by Mrs. Cordelia Bartelt, who has the responsibility of scheduling this help.

The unique thing about Mrs. Bartelt is that she is a spry, bright 70-years-young person. Though confined to a wheel chair, as a result of a stroke, she called and asked if there was anything she could do to help. According to Mrs. Albert Leslie, another active volunteer, "Mrs. Bartelt was the answer to our prayers. She has taken over the innumerable telephone calls necessary in staff scheduling at the Bargain Box. This alone is an overwhelming task. And she does a superb job. Her marvelous spirit, which keeps her mentally alert, makes her a real inspiration to all who know her. You see, there is a spot for everyone who is willing to help."

Another real asset to the Association is Walter Doneson. His particular responsibility is that of hauling — hauling a gas range to a family who has no means except an open fire for preparing meals, transporting a donated chest to the Bargain Box for sale, carrying a bed mattress to a family which has none. He is a familiar sight in his little truck on Saturday mornings on almost any back road in the county.

Mrs. Betty Carroll maintains a Clothing and Food Bank. She is always ready with a supply of these necessities when the call comes from a school nurse, the visiting teacher, an Extension Technician, or the YCVA welfare committee. Many have been the times that a call for help that comes in at 3 p.m. brings a hot nutritious dinner to a family's table by six.

Another need of disadvantaged families identi-

Photos By
ROBERT GRAVES



Mrs. Gary Beasley, library volunteer, checks out books to Joyce Martino.

1. Advantages of a regional library:

All recent studies (references 1-3) of the need for library facilities in the Peninsula and in the state as a whole have suggested that the only efficient way to meet the needs for quality library service is by the formation of a regional library system. Such a facility with 100,000 sq. feet of space might cost \$2,000,000 plus the cost of the site plus \$500,000 operating expenses per yr.

2. Availability of state and federal funds

- (a) Libraries must meet state and federal minimum requirements to qualify for aid. Priority is given to regional libraries.
- (b) Up to \$25,000 plus \$1.00 per sq. mile of area served is available in combined state and federal funds for libraries serving over 200,000 population.
- (c) Up to \$20,000 plus \$1.00 per sq. mile of area served is available annually in combined state and federal funds for libraries serving 60,000 to 200,000 population.
- (d) For county libraries which don't meet state minimum requirements, up to \$1,000 per year is available.
- (e) Establishment grants of \$200,000 split up over a 2 year period are available for a population greater than 60,000.
- (f) Up to \$15,000 annually is available in state aid for county and regional libraries serving over 35,000 population.
- (g) The maximum available state aid for libraries serving less than 35,000 population is 5,000 annually.

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3. Minimum Standards for Virginia libraries

- (a) For a population of less than 90,000 local funds of 30¢ per capita of \$10,000 must be provided.
- (b) For a population over 90,000, local funds of \$1.00 per capita must be provided.
- (c) One professional staff member per 5000 population must be provided for areas with less than 90,000 population.
- (d) One professional staff member per 4000 people must be provided for populations over 90,000.
- (e) A bookmobile must be provided for populations less than 90,000.
- (f) Free service must be provided for all people in area served.
- (g) The library must have 2 volumes per capita up to 175,000 volumes for a population of 35,000 - 100,000.

4. Some Counties now receiving state and federal aid for libraries

- (a) Eastern Shore library serving Accomack and Northampton counties received \$13,500 in state and federal aid in 1966-67.
- (b) Lonesome Pine library serving Dickenson and Wise counties and Norton received \$24,000 in state and federal aid in 1966-67.
- (c) Walter Cecil Rawls library serving Isle of Wight, Nansemond, Southampton and Sussex counties and Franklin received \$25,000 in state and federal aid in 1966-67.

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Volunteers, Contributors To Library To Be Honored

YORKTOWN — Volunteers and contributors to the York Public Library will be honored at a reception from 3 to 4 p.m. Sunday at the facility at the intersection of Route 17 and Dare Road as it observes its first anniversary.

Mrs. E. T. Deskins, library chairman, said that since its official opening Sept. 7 last year, the York library has operated entirely with volunteer services.

"About 52 volunteers, mainly women and some family groups, plus members of the York High Keyette Club, staff the library 14 hours per week," she said.

"For the past two summers the library has participated in the Peninsula Volunteer Bureau's 'Volunteer Program.' This summer, two young ladies, Misses Marjorie Bendl and Paul Deskins earned over 25 hours of service as library aides."

Certificates of service will be presented to the "volunteers" at the birthday celebration. Records of their progress, dependability and initiative have been forwarded to York High School officials and have been attached to each student's permanent records.

"No budget or source of revenue exists with which to buy books, supplies and equipment," Mrs. Deskins said. "Everything has been obtained by donations or is on loan."

"Shelving, fluorescent pictures, a heating unit and oil, an air-conditioning unit, card catalog, tables, chairs, a vacuum cleaner, a U. S. flag, slide proj-

ector, slides and records, as well as many other items necessary for operation, have been contributed by groups and individuals."

Mrs. Deskins said that two typewriters have been loaned to process the 4,950 books which have been accessioned during the past 12 months.

More than 9,000 books have been donated — some are awaiting processing and some have been sent as discards to Patrick Henry Hospital.

Because the bulk of the collection is acquired as used or second-hand material, numerous individuals and clubs have presented new books or made cash donations earmarked for the purchase of current books.

New book contributors include: Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Keaffer Jr., York Republican committee and Heritage Woman's Club, Scottish Rite body of Masons, Mariners Museum Library, Dr. and Mrs. Paul V. Hyer, Mr. and Mrs. George F. Dudley, York Lions Club, Daily Press, Times-Herald, Mrs. Charlotte Shelton, Mrs. J. Wesley Ironmonger, M. I. Bryant, A. G. Page, A. T. Jennings, York Chapter W. C. T. U., Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Deskins, Piney Point Garden Club 11 and Junior Girl Scout troop 73.

Following 12 months of operation the library records showed a membership of 710, with circulation records for the same period totaling 4,994. This includes 1,958 adult books and 3,035 children's books.

The greatest circulation for

any one month occurred in August with readers checking out 625 books.

Mrs. Deskins said other services made available through the library during the year included story hours during April and May for children in grades one and two, conducted by the York High Future Teachers of America Club.

Another first for county citizens was initiated by Mrs. Marylou Sawyer, elementary art consultant for York public schools, who arranged the first art exhibit in the library during April and May. Work from seven York elementary schools was displayed.

A local Boy Scout troop did its good deed, too, by transporting

the library's discarded books to Patrick Henry Hospital.

Mrs. Deskins was high in praise of the York Jaycees who, she said, "gave many, many manhours installing shelving and again more shelving."

"The question is no longer will York citizens support a library or do they really need or want a library. Those questions have already been answered by the facts and figures accumulated within the last 12 months."

Mrs. Deskins said she will welcome all book or cash donations. The latter can be made payable to the York County Volunteer Association, Inc., and mailed to Box 1206, Grafton, Va., she said.

York Public Library

WE ARE HAVING A BIRTHDAY!

You are invited to a reception in honor of our first year in operation.

Sunday, September 28, 1969. From 3:00-4:00 p.m.

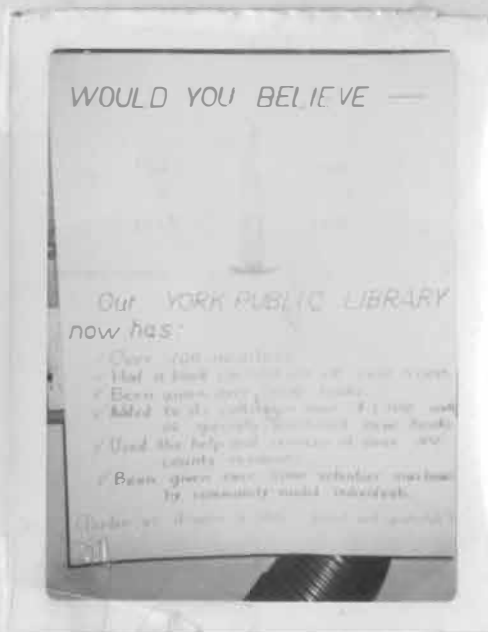
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1st Birthday Reception

York Public Library
Sept. 28, 1969

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Mrs. Lena K. Mullen	904 Womley Cr. Dr. Yorktown, Va.
Diane Belliter	Shirley Rd., Seaford, Va.
Mrs. Elizabeth Panak	Laura La, Traphon, Va.
Mr. Thomas M. Panak	" " " "
Mrs. Kenneth Beauchamp	" " " "
Mrs. James L. Day	Hawwood Drive, Traphon, Va.
Mrs. E. I. Deskins	29 Beechwood Dr. " "
Paula Deskins	" " " "
John Plummer	Yorktown Va.
Iva Lucie	Seaford, Va.
Albert Leach	Yorktown, Va.
Molly Perdue	Tabb, Va.
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NING, FEBRUARY 27, 1970



Grafton VFW Presents Volume

Elvin R. Reed, past commander of the Grafton Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9080, presents volume of Virginia V.F.W. history to the York County Volunteer Library in behalf of the

post and its ladies auxiliary. Accepting the book is Mrs. E. T. Deskins, library chairman, and at right is Mrs. Robert L. Stultz, president of the auxiliary.

SATURDAY MORNING, JULY 3, 1971

York Library Moves To New Location



Library Volunteers

Charles Suderno gets a helping hand from his sister, Theresa, during moving of York Public Library to its new location in Grafton Shopping Center.

By ROBERT GRAVES
Daily Press Staff Reporter
YORKTOWN — Volunteers this weekend are completing the massive task of moving the York Public Library from its old, frame structure to new, modern quarters at the Grafton Shopping Center.

Using volunteer labor and transportation, mixed with fortitude and perspiration, youngsters and adults carried 5,000 books up Route 17 and into the shopping center under the direction of Mrs. George Dudley, librarian.

Shelves were going up Thursday and Friday, followed by placement of books.

Mrs. Dudley said the hard-core nucleus of the library is composed of public-spirited volunteers.

"If not for people who have given their time to this over the past three years, there wouldn't be a library," she said.

Mrs. Dudley says she needs volunteers, not only to get the library in shape but also to man the counter at times when she cannot be there.

"Our new hours are not firm, as yet, but we will be open from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 10 a.m. to noon Wednesdays and Fridays," she said.

"If we can get the volunteers, we'll be open at other times, also."

The library exists on minimal county support. York pays the rent and utilities, but the rest is up to volunteers. The annual financial provision of the county is only \$6,250.

"There is no fund for books," Mrs. Dudley said. "All books have been donated, some as memorial books in lieu of flowers to the families of those who have passed away."

The library, she said, was started three years ago, by the York County Volunteer Association. For the past year, although the YCVA officially no longer has a connection with it, the library still gets some of the same volunteers.

The number of books in the library has not increased for some time.

"We are weeding out many of the old, out-of-date books and continually refining the selection we have," she explained.

"Some of the books have thin, paper-like covers and I reinforce them with tape when I get the chance."

"But we always need more volunteers to help keep the library going."

There is apparently a need for people to repair books and catalogue them. Equipment is in short supply and all donations welcome.

Mrs. Dudley's quarters provide for the collection.

"In the old house every square inch she said.

"Here, we can center of the room

The new library were used for a few the Grafton Branch Yorktown Post Office was moved across in the building formerly used by a drug store.

"It certainly was convenient than the old location," Mrs. Dudley said. "We anticipate a great use."

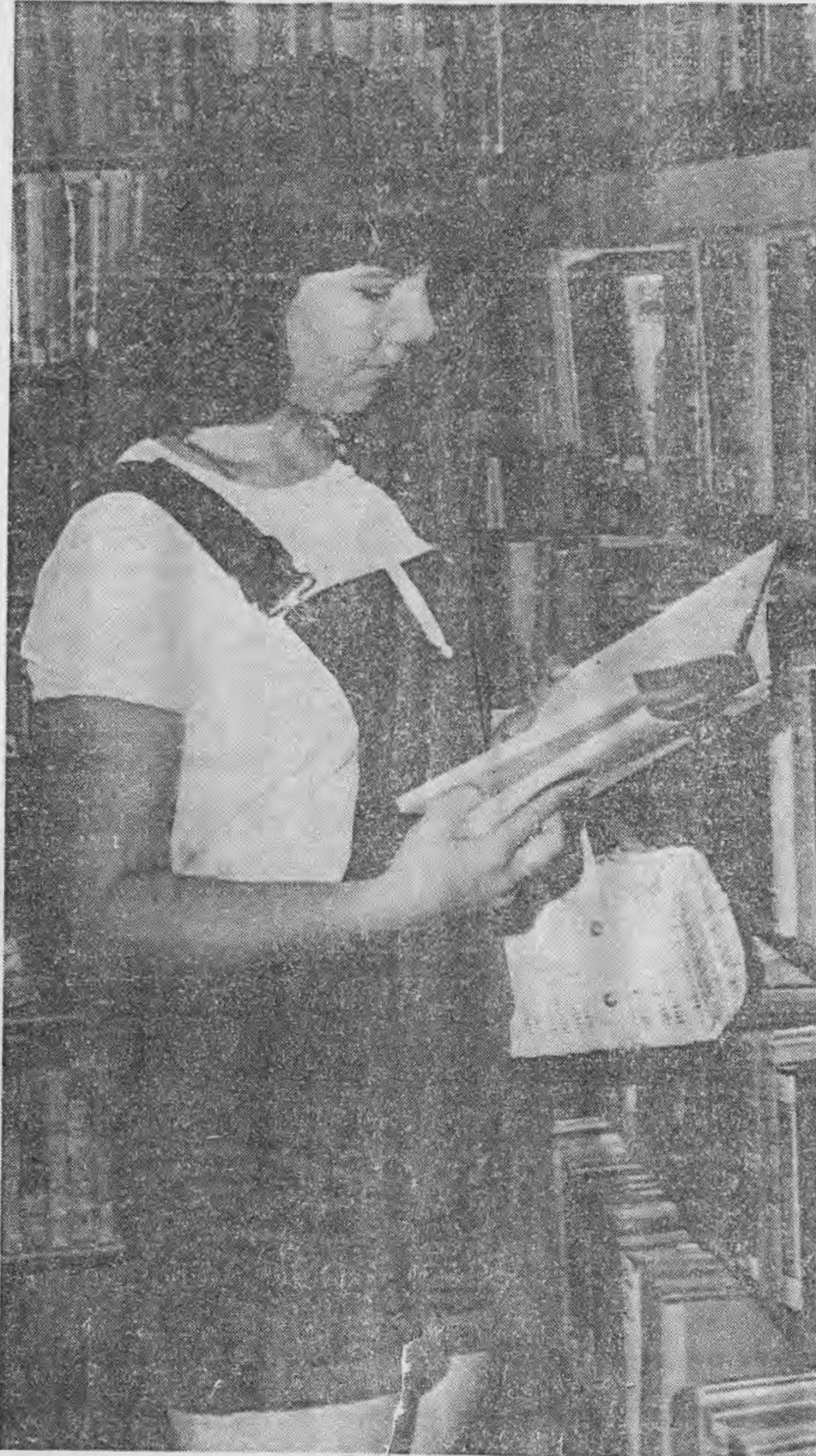
"We may not have enough books to meet the

York Library

By ROBERT GRAVES
Daily Press Staff Reporter
YORKTOWN — The York
County Public Library has

been "too successful" at its
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ens to outdistance the efforts
of volunteers.

Since the move from the
old, frame structure at Route
17, near Dare Road, to the
new quarters in the Grafton



Robin Slack of Yorktown is one of the many patrons of the York library. Here she browses through a book.

Circulation Up

Shopping Center July 1, the membership has more than doubled, according to Mrs. George S. Dudley, librarian.

The enrollment has climbed from 492 members to the current 1,082.

"We can't keep up with the additional work because of the increased duties," she commented.

"We have volunteers, but not enough, and there is an overdue problem. Books are so precious. But sometimes people do not bring them back."

The librarian commented that if enough personnel were available all the work could be done.

"There is always something for volunteers to do, but paid personnel are necessary to supervise the operation," she said.

Mrs. Dudley said there are a lot of books that haven't been put on display and are still in boxes and sacks.

"We don't have the manpower to process them," she said.

"During July, right after the move, the circulation of books doubled in comparison

with the same month the previous year."

She said the problems are multiplying now with the biggest need a second in command who could devote considerable time to the job.

While the library has a number of volunteers, the pool appears to be drying up.

"Many organizations and projects under way today are taking the volunteers," she said.

"The volunteers we have are giving many hours of work and have been faithful and hard working."

Mrs. Dudley said tentative plans are being considered for a fund-raising book fair at the library.

"It is hard to get public funds," she said. "The taxpayers are getting to the point where the funds are slowing up."

Mrs. Dudley said she has been hoping to establish a program to enable civic organizations and individuals to provide for an annual donation to support the library.

There are now 4,500 books in the library, processed and displayed on newly installed

shelves. There are another 1,000 or more books in boxes and on tables.

"Many of these will be discarded as unusable," she said.

"We just don't have the time to repair the books. It is either put them in the corner or give them to another organization. A number of the books being used in the York library are actually discards from other libraries, although they serve a useful purpose in getting the local library on its feet.

The new quarters provide about 1,500 square feet.

"We need money, furniture volunteers, as well as new and old books," Mrs. Dudley said.

"There is a special need for donation of best sellers."

The York County Home Demonstration Clubs have donated a brand new card file for cataloguing the books recently presented by Mrs. William C. Nettles, York vice president.

A grand opening for the new facility is being considered for October in conjunction with the Fall Festival at the shopping center.



John Fournier and Ellen, fill out cards members

Library Friends Unit Proposed In York County

YORKTOWN — A meeting of citizens interested in improving the York County Library will be held 8 p.m. Feb. 5 at the library in Grafton shopping Center.

Leading the discussion and serving as a resource person will be Michael Pipkin, Hampton librarian.

Citizens are being requested to attend the session and help organize a York County Friends of the Library chapter.

Mrs. Beverly Dudley, York librarian, noted this effort will be part of a Peninsula wide movement to improve library facilities in the region.

Chapters in various localities will join in a Peninsula friends unit, it is hoped.

Mrs. Dudley said letters are being mailed to some citizens known to be interested, but the general public is also expected to respond.

York County Library Will Open Saturdays

Mrs. Beverly Dudley, York County librarian, has announced the county's public library will be open on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to noon.

The library hours will remain the same for other days in the week. It is open from 10 a.m. to noon on Wednesday and Friday and from 7 to 9 p.m. Monday through Friday.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

<u>Income</u>	Fiscal Year Ending	
	June 1971	June 1972
County of York	\$3,500.00	\$6,250.00
Income from monetary gifts	530.34	1,399.34
Miscellaneous (such as fines, etc.)	<u>83.72</u>	234.71
Available balance of local funds		
from 1971		<u>35.34</u>
Total Local Income	\$4,114.06	\$7,919.39

Expenditures

Books (Include zerox reprints of old periodicals, services which will cumulate in bound volumes. (Separate cataloging costs.)	390.59	1,140.32
Nonprofessional staff	1,500.00	1,650.00
Rent (disbursed as cash item)	1,500.00	3,000.00
Library (bookstacks, catalog cases, typewriters, etc.)	200.00	75.00
Cataloging and processing service		30.50
Equipment rental and services	19.00	
Supplies	91.72	238.68
Utilities	<u>363.05</u>	<u>538.22</u>
Total Expenditures	\$4,064.36	\$6,672.92

Recapitulation

Total operating income	4,114.06	7,919.39
Total operating expenditures	<u>4,064.36</u>	<u>6,672.92</u>
Balance at end of fiscal year	49.70	1,246.47
Reverted to appropriating authority		<u>868.40</u>
Available for next fiscal year		378.07

STATISTICAL REPORT

Total number hours per week	14	20
Number of registered borrowers	492	2,209
Number films borrowed: State Library	0	12

Circulation of Books for Entire System

Adult Nonfiction (include pamphlets, maps, periodicals and newspapers)	654	1,864
Adult Fiction	2,763	5,504
Juvenile	<u>2,707</u>	<u>7,153</u>
Grand Total	6,124	14,581

Shelves Donated To Library In York

By ROBERT GRAVES
Staff Reporter

YORKTOWN — The York Public Library gained six double sections of shelves from donations of several civic clubs in the community, including the York Lions and the Grace Episcopal Church Parish Book and Gift Shop.

The library survives through donations of shelving and

books, as well as volunteer help from citizens of the community who man the checkout counter and other sections of the facility.

The clubs donated several hundred dollars each and the county chipped in the remaining amount of money for the shelves.

The York Jaycees some time ago donated about \$350

for a library bulletin board which is still under construction.

The new shelving provides the library with 216 feet of additional space for books.

"We had run out of shelf space," commented Mrs. Beverly Dudley, county librarian.

"We had new books stored in the back of the building that

couldn't be displayed because of lack of space," she said.

"It got to the point that we were stacking books on top of books and other things.

"The library now has about 7,000 volumes. We are constantly improving the quality of the reading material. We replace old books with newer additions when they are donated."

Donations of books play a big part in growth of the library selection.

"When we first opened, everything we got was placed on the shelves, because we didn't have many books," Mrs. Dudley said.

"But the quality is now improving."

The York Library, located in Rich's Shopping Center at

Grafton, reached a record circulation figure of 2,200 books during March.

This is significant because usually it isn't until July that the facility approaches such heavy use.

The library is now open every Monday through Saturday from 10 to 12 noon and Monday through Friday from 7 to 9 p.m.

Paperback books are in great demand, commented Mrs. Dudley.

They are given to people who donate small change to the library and Mrs. Dudley feels that many more paperbacks can be moved if the library just had them.

Usually the library grows about 100 books a month.

"Tentative plans are to again hold a summer reading program at the library," Mrs. Dudley said. The program, which will include the showing of films, will be for elementary age children.

"We plan to run it from six to eight weeks," she said.



STARTED ON 'SHOESTRING'

York's Public Library Notes Circulation Rise

By KATHARINE KINNIER
Staff Reporter

YORKTOWN — The York Public Library began as a "shoestring" operation, under the aegis of the York County Volunteer Association.

Over the five year period since its opening, the library has been nurtured by diverse interested individuals and organizations.

Mrs. Bev Dudley has served as a continuing volunteer worker throughout the library's brief history. She and Mrs. Nancy Deskins formed the original two-member volunteer staff, when the library opened its doors in the fall of 1968.

"We complemented one another," according to Mrs. Dudley. "Mrs. Deskins had a Library of Science degree," she said, "and I had had practical library experience. I had worked in a library all through high school and college," she continued. The Abilene, Kans., native came to this area when her husband, Lt. Col. (retired) George F. Dudley, served the first of three tours at Fort Monroe.

Mrs. Deskins and Mrs. Dudley first ran the library in a residential dwelling off Route 17. When the lease ran out a couple of years later, she said, "a small delegation went to York County's Board of Supervisors to try to find a place to house the library's book collection." That group agreed to absorb rent and utility expenses for the move to Grafton Shopping Center. Mrs. Dudley also was given a nominal salary.

She now is assisted with cataloguing by Mrs. Clare Stiff.

The library's operating costs always have been pared to a minimum by the ingenious efforts of concerned volunteers who carried out the entire move to the shopping center.

Bricks are used as bookend on the shelves. Inexpensive crepe paper strips have been attractively fashioned by Mrs. Diane Guy into displays of art by traditional and modern artists.

Library growth was coincidental with the move to the new area, according to Mrs. Dudley. During the first year, the library circulated 5,000 books. A total of 22,000 volumes has been circulated this year, she said.

The library presently houses 6,400 books and 1,000 paperbacks ranged on shelves which line the walls. A double shelf at the front serves as a divider between the circulating area, and a browse and study area at the back. The latter area was accomplished through efforts of one of the county's Home Extension Clubs. The comfortable, overstuffed chairs and a table donated by the Navy, were completely refinished, painted and reupholstered in the library's color scheme of orange and yellow. Extension clubs furnished a card catalogue, and support the library

regularly with yearly book donations which Mrs. Dudley chooses.

All of the original shelving was contributed by Cain Iron Works.

"For awhile," Mrs. Dudley said, "book additions were almost wholly through donations by clubs and organizations. Contributors include the Lions Club, Junior Chamber of Commerce, the Yorktown and Marlbank Women's Clubs. The York County Volunteer Association continues to contribute \$5 each month, and the supervisors have periodically given their support.

Unsolicited help has been given by Yorktown's Grace Episcopal Church Parish Book and Gift Shop. All profits for the past two years have been donated to the library by this group.

Not many books have been given as memorials, she said.

Forty-three adult volunteers now carry on library operations during the hours it is open — 10 to 12 noon and 7 to 9 p.m. daily, and 12 to 2 on Saturdays. Some volunteers come in once a month for two hours, she said, while others work at two-hour shift each week.

Student volunteers assist during the summer, she said.

Mrs. Dudley called attention to cooperation by area libraries. "I check with other libraries constantly," she said, and Hampton's Charles Taylor Memorial Library loans her expensive reference volumes from which she chooses book additions.

The Virginia State Library has been responsible for certain areas of the library's development, she said. A representative visits York Library at intervals to "weed the shelves," and offer suggestions on how operations might be improved. When in doubt about anything, she is encouraged to call them direct via a "hot line" which has been installed. Mrs. Dudley's "very late night work" is done at home, when she does additional book processing and new book selections.

In addition to fiction and non-fiction books, the library contains encyclopedia sets and many specialized reference volumes. "Students started using us last year," she said.

There is a representation of books for every age group, Mrs. Dudley said, and "we're beefing up the children's section. Circulation has increased everybody-wise."

Ways to better serve a larger area of the public are studied constantly, Mrs. Dudley noted. Employment of bookmobiles and regionalization are under discussion, she said.

A poster behind the circulation desk reminds visitors how they may help the library's cause. It reads: "We sure need money, furniture, more volunteer help, old and new books."

77 Youngsters Enjoying Reading Program In York

YORKTOWN — As many as 77 youngsters have been enjoying the summer reading program now under way at the York County Public Library at the Grafton Shopping Center.

The program is considered highly successful, having grown from an enrollment of 23 children at the start of last summer to the current large participation.

Five adult workers have been helping to put on the reading project and the number of children involved varies each week.

A paper tree has been planted in the library and each time a child finishes reading a book a paper leaf is added with the name of the child and the book, said Mrs. Nelson Harris, who heads up the summer program.

Three colors are used to differentiate the age groups, with yellow leaves for pre-schoolers through the first grade,

green for second and third grades and orange for children in the fourth and fifth grades.

There is also a cutout of a giraffe and when a child has read five books, a spot is placed on the giraffe with his name on it.

In addition, a daily record is kept of the books each child has read.

The eight-week program will climax Aug. 15 with a reception for the children. Those having read 25 books will be awarded reading certificates. Awards and ribbons will be given those who attended the movie portion of the program.

Mrs. Harris said members of the Lady Lions of York County help each week with the showing of a film. They include Mrs. Sidney Barrett, Mrs. Diane Guy, Mrs. Leonard Harris, Mrs. Shirley Kessler, Mrs. Virginia McDaniel and Mrs. John Rovegno.

JULY 1973



A film cartoon captures rapt attention of children in the reading program. Films are presented by York Lady Lions.



Youngsters are engrossed with reading during York Library's summer program held on Wednesday mornings.



PRESCCHOOLERS STORY HOUR

Library Newsletter

York County, Virginia

February 1974

LIBRARY NEEDS MONEY

The Library's need for money is not news, by any means, but there is an urgent need at this time. As most York residents know, the York Library was initiated entirely by volunteer effort, and has grown and progressed during its five years of existence by means of volunteer staffing and donations from county organizations and individuals. As the number of books has increased, so has the number of patrons, so that the need for more books grows ever greater. Donations of used books are always welcome, but to keep up with current publications, which are most in demand, requires money.

York County has increased its financial support of the Library this year, but due to an unfortunate misunderstanding concerning the funds budgeted for purchasing new books, and some resultant poor planning, we find that we are virtually out of funds for the remainder of this fiscal year.

New and soon-to-be-published books include works by a number of popular writers. Without additional funds, the Library will not be able to add these to its collection for many months.

Please suggest to your clubs and associations that a donation at this time to their local library would fill a worthwhile need.

QUESTIONNAIRE

A questionnaire concerning books and library hours is attached to this newsletter. Please fill it out (one to a family), to help the library staff with planning.

If you have friends or neighbors who seldom visit the Library, take them a copy of the Newsletter and Questionnaire.

A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

This first issue of a proposed monthly Library Newsletter is an experimental one. Your comments and suggestions are requested. What items would you like to see printed? Would a list of books new in the Library be of interest? Book reviews? Please leave any suggestions or comments at the desk.

TALKING BOOKS

The Library now has on hand a number of recorded "talking books" for the visually handicapped. They may be checked out for anyone who has been certified legally blind. For more information on this program, come in or call the Library. The phone number is 898-7671.

RECENT DONATIONS

Recent donations received most gratefully by the Library include \$20 from Xi Alpha Phi, \$50 from the Yorktown Woman's Club, and a regular donation of \$25 from the York County Volunteer Association.

YCVA members were the "founding fathers" of the Library, and their continued support, which includes a monthly donation of \$25, has been invaluable.

The Yorktown Woman's Club has been a generous donor of both time and money since the Library was established.

READ ANY GOOD BOOKS LATELY?

If you have especially enjoyed a new book from the Library, let us know, so we can share your comments with others.

QUESTIONNAIRE

HELP YOUR LIBRARY SERVE YOU BETTER.

1. Do you or other members of your family use the York County Library
occasionally 1 frequently 44 never

2. Are the present library hours of 10-12 AM and 7-9 PM convenient for
you and your family? Yes 45 No 10

3. If not, what other hours would be more convenient?

Hours 9-12, 9-1, 1-5, 3-5, 3-6 Days Sat. afternoon - 4
Sunday - 1

4. What kinds of books do you and your family read most? (Check as
many as you wish.)

Fiction 34 Prefer: mysteries 33 romance 21 suspense 32
historical novels 31 science fiction 11

Non-fiction 20 Prefer: history 17 biography 28 science 13

handicrafts 22 technical 8 other ART, LAW, OCCULT
COOKING, GARDENING,
PSYCHOLOGY, SOCIOLOGY,
pre-school science,
pictorial works,
pre-teen

5. The Library's book-buying funds are limited. For what types of new
books would you prefer these funds be spent?

Books selected on the basis of :

- a) popularity ((current best-sellers) 34
b) merit (recommended for literary or intellectual value) 27
c) informative or educational value (e.g., discussion of
current problems, how-to-do-it books, etc.) 18

6. Do you have any requests or recommendations for the Library--for
instance, books by a certain author, particular books, or
a subject area?

Author(s) Coates, Faulkner, Foley, Francis, Hitchcock, Haas, Runyon,
M. Crichton, Tenn. Williams, Whitney, Stout, Southern authors
Book(s) Galah Archipelago, Creative Divergence
Nancy Drew & Hardy Boys Edgar Cayce
Subject(s) House building, Biography, Aquariums, Ecology, True Life
Handicrafts, Sci Fiction, Reference, old classics
Animal stories, Technical Science, Magazines

7. Any other suggestions?

Well done!

Find larger space!

Keep up good work

Please appropriate more money for books & updates

librarian. I'm amazed, as a new resident that the
County is just starting a library. Your reference books
Please return this questionnaire to the Library as soon as possible.

If you wish, you may place it in the pocket of a book you are returning,
or in an envelope, and drop it in the book-drop box. Thank you for your
help.

are poor. County should support this facility more. Mrs. R. Thurmond
11 Canaway Dr. Berlin

other suggestions?

Mum.
The Library is a must & is doing a fine &
deserving job by all dedicated & full citizens for
Citizen. I should on the County for part select - 2 votes

SUMMER READING PROGRAM

The annual summer reading program for children aged 4 to 10 will begin at the Library on June 19. A weekly film and story hour will be offered each Wednesday morning, from 10:30 to 11:45, for nine weeks. Registration for the reading program will begin at 10 AM on June 19.

Mrs. Nelson Harris is chairwoman of the reading club. She and her staff will be at the library each Wednesday to hear the reports of the book club members. The theme of the club this year is the "Bookworm." As books are read, segments will be added to make "Mr. Bookworm" grow.

Films have been ordered from the Virginia State Library, and will be shown through the courtesy of the York Lady Lions, with Mrs. LaVerne Heath in charge.

Parents of children under six are reminded that they must be responsible, as the library staff cannot be expected to babysit. Children left at the library must be picked up promptly at 11:45.

RECENT DONATIONS

The library has recently received donations of \$100 from the York Lions Club; \$25 from the York Lady Lions; \$25 from the York Kiwanis, and \$25 from the YCVA.

These generous contributions were especially welcome at this time, making possible the purchase of a large number of new children's books in time for the reading program.

New gift books include Four Reforms, by William Buckley, given by the Heritage Republican Women's Club; and Yorktown--Reflections of the Past, by Melville Bryant, Jr., a local author-photographer, from the Parish Book and Gift Shop of Grace Church.

NEW BOOKS AT THE LIBRARY

Fiction --some best sellers

Adams, Watership Down
Benchley, Jaws; Anderson, Penelope
Brunner, The Stone that Never
Came Down (science fiction)
Carson, Jellybean; Fischer, Evil
Day; Jenkins, Cleft of Stars
Dominic, Epitaph for a Lobbyist
Eliot, The Dark Beneath the Pines
Howatch, April's Grave, and Cashel-
mara; Merle, Malevil
Howard, Invitation to Paradise
Kiefer, The Lingala Code
O'Brien, Report from Group 17
Olsen, Mission to the West
Plageman, The Boxwood Maze
Pronzini, Snowbound; Seifert, The
Doctor's Daughter
Rushing, Tamzen; Stubbs, The Case
of Kitty Ogilvie
Sterne, You Don't Need an Enemy
Thomsen, Carriage Trade
Wallace, The Fan Club; Yerby, The
Dahomean, and Voyage Unplanned

Non-fiction--a great variety

Best Plays of the Sixties
Arithmetic for Human Beings
The Origins of Western Art
Goodbye to Bedlam: Understanding
Mental Illness and Retardation
You Can Profit from a Monetary
Crisis; The Fearful Void
The Anatomy of Human Destructive-
ness, by Erich Fromm
How to Get More Out of Sex, by
Dr. Reuben; Your Child and Sex
The American People; Findings of
the 1970 Census
Pennywise Boutique; & The Joy of
Sewing
Fishing, An Encyclopedic Guide
Walls Come Tumbling Down, Brooks
A Squirrel Forever, by Fairbairn
Pilgrim at Tinker Creek, by Annie
Dillard; and Country Chronicle,
by Gladys Taber.

Also many new children's books!

JUNE 1974

Bookworm Theme At York Library

YORKTOWN — Bookworm is the theme of the summer reading program offered by the York County Public Library in the Grafton Shopping Center.

Children 4-12 may participate in the book club and film program.

The program will be offered each Wednesday morning 10:30—11:45 from June 19 through Aug. 14.

Children must register before they are eligible for the Bookworm Club, and registration will begin 10 a.m. June 19.

Suitable films have been ordered from the Virginia Library and will be shown through the courtesy of York Lady Lions. Mrs. LaVerne Heath and her staff will be at the library each Wednesday.

Mrs. Nelson Harris is club chairwoman this year. She and her staff will be at the library each Wednesday to hear the reports of the bookclub members. Certificates will be awarded to each child completing the club program.

It will be possible to enroll non-readers if parents can be present to assist Mrs. Harris.

For parents of children under six years, it's important for parents to remember that the library staff can't babysit for young children. Parents are responsible for their children. Parents leaving children must be ready to pick them up at 11:45 promptly.

Much of The York library staff is volunteer and will be spending much time each Wednesday putting children's books back on the shelves for check-out.

Persons with additional questions may call the library at 898-7671.



York librarian, Mrs. George Dudley, accepts card file from Mrs. William C. Nettles, a gift of the York Home Demonstration Clubs.

LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

York Public Library

September, 1974

SIX YEARS--A PROGRESS REPORT

Just six years ago, on September 7, 1968, the York Public Library was formally opened. A result of great community effort, sponsored by the York County Volunteer Association, the library began operation in an old rented house on Rt. 17 at Grafton. Books, shelving, and furniture were donated, and many individuals and groups contributed their time and effort to collect, catalog, and refurbish. Mrs. Nancy Deskins was in charge of the library, with an all-volunteer staff.

When the original lease on the building ran out and funds were insufficient to continue, the York County Board of Supervisors was asked to assume housing of the collection. They agreed, and leased the same house for another year. That location proved a serious handicap, however, and in July, 1971, the library was moved to its present location in Grafton Shopping Center, with the County increasing its financial support to cover the additional expense.

The accessibility of the new location brought an immediate increase in library patronage and interest, and since that time the membership and circulation have multiplied, and the book collection has been greatly improved.

A comparison of statistics from annual fiscal reports will show the progress made in the last few years:

	<u>1971</u>	<u>1972</u>	<u>1973</u>	<u>1974</u>
Membership (Registered readers)	492	2,209	3,534	4,587
Circulation (Monthly average)	510	1,215	1,832	2,413*
Collection (No. of Books)	4,424	5,373	6,422	7,800**
Hours per week	14	20	22	27
Income				
York County	\$3,500	\$6,250	\$6,530	\$13,011
Donations	530	1,400	1,922	1,740
Fines	84	235	204	330

* In the month of July, 1974, 4,463 books were loaned, setting a new circulation record.

** In the two months since this fiscal report, our collection has passed the 8,000 mark. This does not include the several thousand paperbacks shelved, but not cataloged.

Organization Last year a special committee of the Peninsula Regional Planning Commission made a study of the feasibility of a regionalized library system for the whole Peninsula. This plan was rejected by the larger city libraries. York County Library is, therefore, still independent and without any formal organization. The establishment of a library board has been frequently suggested, and most certainly is the next step to be taken to ensure further progress of the library.

Staff In 1970 Mrs. Beverly Dudley replaced Mrs. Deskins as Acting Librarian, a position she still holds. In late 1973 the County hired Mrs. Clare Stiff and Mrs. Myrtle Reid as her part-time assistants. Volunteers make up the rest of the staff, some of them having served since the library opened. We now have 38 adult volunteers, each working from two to 12 regular hours each month.

1- Funds The County provides all operating expenses for the library, also a small sum for new book purchases. Other funds for new books are acquired from cash donations, fines, and the "sale by donation" of used books, which are given to us or weeded from our collection. The only figure that has ~~grown smaller~~ in our annual report is the amount received from cash donations. Needless to say, book prices have increased and our growing membership makes a greater number of purchases necessary. More cash donations are desperately needed.

Equipment and Furnishings Most of our original furnishings were secondhand, and we are still living with them. Several years ago the York County Home Dem Club presented the library a find card catalog, and two years ago we were able to buy some much-needed new shelving with donated funds. Now we

are running out of shelf space again, and more shelving is being ordered. This time the County has budgeted enough to pay for the shelves. (More expensive now) and for the new book-drop box, which has already arrived. Any other new equipment will have to wait. The tables are on loan from the Fire Department, and the wooden chairs need painting and repair. Some donations of money for new ones, or labor for painting the old ones would be most welcome.

Other equipment really needed:

1. A photocopier--We have requests for this service constantly.
2. A large, free-standing, bulletin board.
3. A desk, preferably with a file drawer--not necessarily new.
4. A legal-size file cabinet (for the pamphlet file)
5. A sturdy typewriter stand.

2 Books Although money for new books is our greatest need, used books are welcome too. If we cannot use them in our collection, they are placed on our used-book tables, and offered for a small donation. These used-book donations averaged \$55.30 a month last year, all of which went into new book purchases. We really cannot use any badly damaged books or outdated or worn-out textbooks, so we ask you to dispose of these as we do--bundle or box them and give them to ROT.

all over the Peninsula

3 Summing Up The many people of ~~York County~~ who have contributed, as individuals or members of organizations, ~~their time, money and effort over the past one year~~ have good reason to be pleased and proud of the progress of the York Library. But there is still much to be done before our library is really adequate for its growing membership and the population it serves. Your help is still needed, and your suggestions, ideas, and a few good words to your County Supervisor on behalf of your library!

"Bookworm" Program a Success

SUPPORT LIBRARIES!

Read More -- Save for the future

This summer's children's reading club was a happy success. More than 60 children were enrolled in the nine week program, and certificates were awarded to those who read 25 books. Mrs. Nelson Harris was in charge of the project, assisted by a group of volunteers. The film hour on Wednesday mornings, conducted by the York Lady Lions, was well attended and enjoyed, with a number of patrons commenting favorably on the fine choice of films shown. The number of books checked out each week by the young readers helped set new circulation records for the library.

A reminder--some of the reading club cards have not been picked up. Ask at the desk.

AUGUST

1975



Library Program Starts

York County youngsters at right enjoy a summer book worm and film hour at the library in the Grafton Shopping Center. The program is sponsored by the Lady Lions. Above, Forrest Fisher explains operation of the film projector.

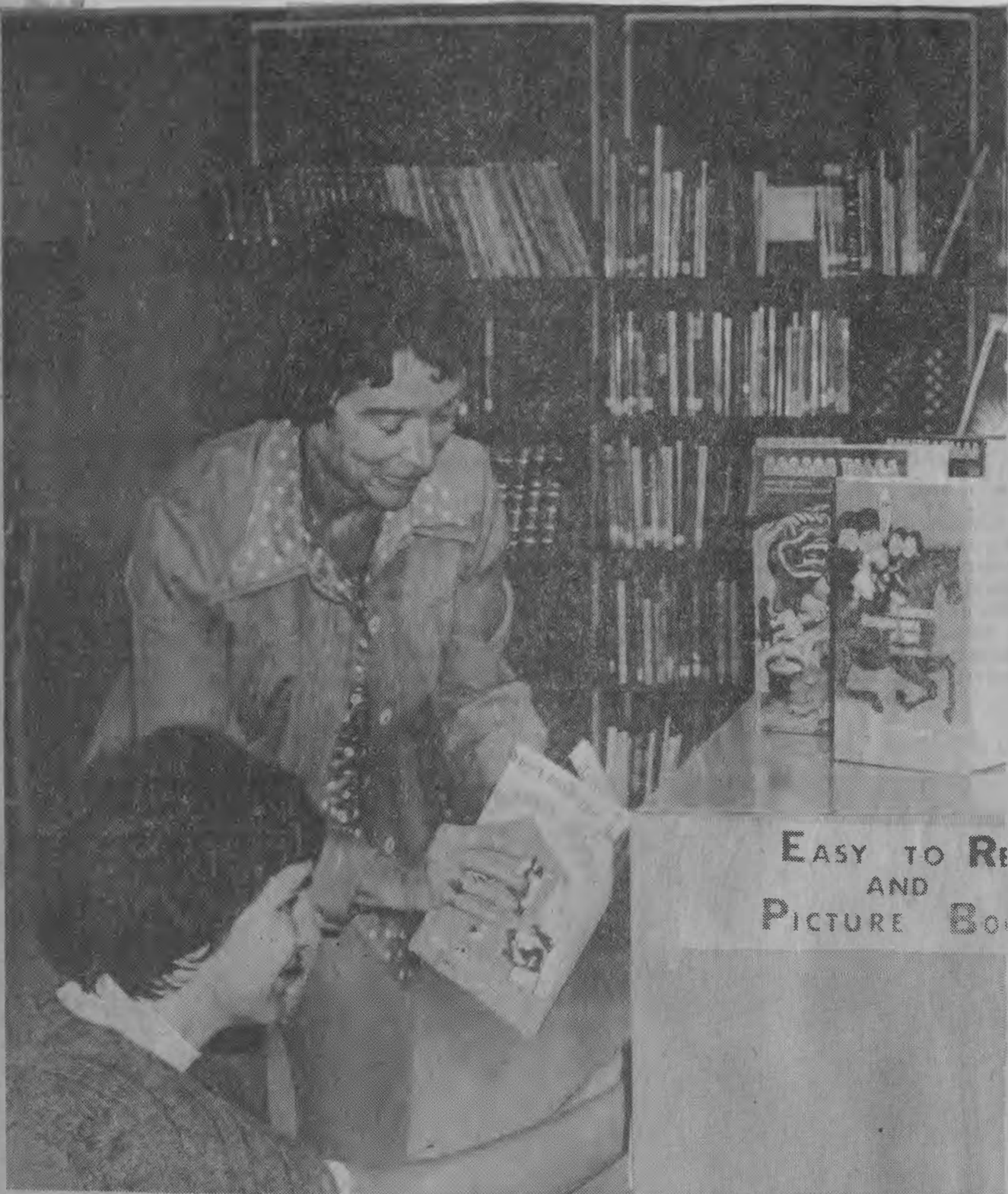




Junior Women Donate Books

The Junior Woman's Club of Seaford has donated children's books to the York County Public Library at the Grafton Shopping Center as a club project. Mrs. Sharon Snyder shows the books to group of youngsters at the library

NOVEMBER 1975



Mrs. Martha Sims and Mrs. Jean Kirkham put up books in new section of York Library

York Library Re-Opens

YORKTOWN — After a ten-day closing for renovation, the York County Public Library last week re-opened its doors to a larger, more attractive spacious facility.

Additional construction has added 1100 square feet to the library, including new restrooms and increased work area for the staff.

The older section of the library has been redecorated, with freshly painted

walls and ceiling and repaired floor.

The reading area boasts a large new rug, donated by the Yorktown Woman's Club. Considerable new shelving has also been added, and there is still room for future shelf expansion.

The process of moving and reshelving everyone of the 10,000 books in the library was a tremendous job, accord-

ing to Mrs. Beverly Dudley, librarian.

The library staff and volunteers were given much needed assistance in this task by Philip Donnelly, president of York Kiwanis, and members of the Tabb High School Key Club.

New study chairs and a new card catalog are expected in a few weeks, said Mrs. Dudley, and then the library's "new look" will be complete.

NEWS

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virginia state library

The York County Public Library recently closed its doors for ten days for the final work on some much needed renovation. Construction added 1,100 sq. ft. to the original structure, including new restrooms and increased work area for the staff. The older section of the library was painted, the floor repaired, and a large new rug was added to the reading area. New study chairs and a new card catalog are expected in a few weeks.

Library use booms on Peninsula

Newport News, Va., Friday, March 12, 1976

Some of the busiest places on the Peninsula these days are public libraries.

Many report their book circulation has doubled, and in some cases more than tripled, over the last five years.

Local readers are seeking out "how-to" and "fix-it" books and are also raiding the shelves for novels which have been popularized by television or movies.

Librarians attribute much of the increase to the depressed economy.

"Who's going to want to hire a plumber to come in and replace two washers if they can read in a book how to do it?" says Newport News Acting Library Director Lottie Driver.

She says she's witnessing large demands for books on repairing appliances and cars, building things, sewing and gardening — all containing information which can save people money.

Williamsburg librarian Sue Rexer says the recession has caused an increase in requests for books containing consumer evaluations of products and services.

Reading's a cheap form of entertainment too, librarians point out. With movie tickets costing \$2 or \$3 each, some people would rather curl up with a book instead.

Librarians claim that television, instead of diminishing library usage, is actually stimulating it.

In Hampton, "Shoulder to Shoulder," a public television series on the women's suffrage movement, spawned considerable interest in women's rights and women's history books. The library also bought 12 paperbacks of "Rich Man, Poor Man" in anticipation of the demand when the TV serialization of that novel began.

"TV brings people out," says Ms. Rexer. "For example, 'The Autobiography of Miss Jane Pittman.' We had many requests for that book after the show was aired. 'The Little House on the Prairie' brings both kids and adults. Currently it's 'The Adams Chronicles'."

Movies, too, are whetting appetites for books. Shark books are still high in popularity in Hampton after the public's imagination was stirred by "Jaws."

Interest is now beginning to build in "Barry Lyndon," the period English novel which was turned into a scenery-rich motion picture.

During the five-year period between the summer of 1969 and the summer of 1975, local library systems reported these increases in book circulation:

- Newport News — 82 per cent.
- Williamsburg — 206 per cent.
- Suffolk — 5 per cent.
- Hampton — 51 per cent.
- York County — 685 per cent.
- Isle of Wight County — 62 per cent.

The libraries have made significant increases in their book collections during this period too, but in almost all cases circulation increase far outstrips the increase in books on hand.

In York County, for example, the number of books on library shelves increased 270 per cent, but the number of books checked out increased 685 per cent.

Newport News libraries increased their stock 52 per cent but had an 82 per cent increase in circulation.

Underlying the growth in usage is a growing commitment by local governments to financially support the facilities. Increases in spending for libraries are almost as dramatic as increases in

usage.

In Williamsburg, for example, local spending for library services quadrupled during the five-year period, and the city built a new \$1 million library building.

The expenditures, says Williamsburg Mayor Vernon M. Geddy, "very clearly demonstrate a commitment by the local government...The library greatly enhances the quality of life in the community."

Library spending tripled in Newport News during the five-year period, doubled in Suffolk and Isle of Wight County, increased 70 per cent in Hampton and jumped from zero to \$17,000 in York County.

The Newport News increase came despite efforts by the city manager to cut back on book funds in several budgets; his 1975 cuts were protested particularly strongly by the public, and city council restored most of the funds the library board had sought.

In many communities, the increase in library spending reflects a change in philosophy about the role of a library.

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Staff photos by Joe Fudge

Shoppers at Grafton Shopping Center can conveniently stop by York County Library.

Readers packing libraries

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in a community and who has the responsibility for paying for it.

Many library systems in the area were started by public-spirited groups of citizens who donated some of their own books, raised funds to buy more, relied on volunteer librarians and used abandoned sheds or lodge halls to house the books.

Newport News, York County and Williamsburg libraries started in that manner and were later taken over by the local governments.

The takeover parallels a trend among municipal governments to provide more than just essential services like police and fire protection, schools and sanitation. Local governments are now assuming responsibility for improving the quality of life for their citizens and are putting money into recreational programs, parks and libraries.

Greater governmental commitment to libraries has significantly improved their quality, many say.

Alexander C. Brown, who helped start Newport News' library before the city took it over, says the early facilities were stocked with donated materials. But he notes, "Many of the early libraries' problems were they were given discarded books that weren't any good."

"It was a catch-as-catch-can collection."



Marie Walter (right) and Anne Myers browse at Main St. Library.

"In the early days, libraries were only considered in the light of lending, as opposed to being archival depositories" for local history and research materials.

"It's only been comparatively recently that libraries have realized they

have more to do than just pass books over the counter."

Miss Driver agrees that wider diversity of library materials, made possible through increased funding, is what accounts for much of the increase in library usage.

Beneficial book boom

In the very best of times, public libraries usually don't get the financial support their facilities and service deserve, but a sluggish economy puts these vital institutions in even sadder straits.

Librarians continue to remind us that hard times drive more people into libraries in search of money-saving information, of employment assistance, and books to fill the time that might have been spent in more expensive leisure. The same hard times drive municipal officials to slash library budgets.

The other Peninsula librarians told us that book circulation has doubled and in some cases more than tripled over the past five years. Their conclusions affirmed the above: that people are calling for books telling about household repairs and maintenance and expanding the current wave of consumerism, a high demand for evaluation of products and services.

There is also a noticeable increase in requests for special books relating to some television documentary, contradicting the common thought that TV is taking people away from reading.

The figures are startling.

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To meet this sharply higher municipal service requirement of citizens, Newport News has under way the \$680,000 Grissom Library facility in Denbigh and Williamsburg recently opened its new \$1 million facility.

Overall, we are glad to note that spending for libraries tripled during the five-year period, doubled in Suffolk and Isle of Wight, increased by 70 per cent in Hampton and jumped from zero to \$17,000 in York County.

Area neighborhoods are becoming a growing, more important force in city politics. And it is in these neighborhoods that libraries perform some of their most important functions.

Libraries probably perform more public service per public dollar than any other public institution, and they should continue to be adequately recognized and supported.

How much are libraries used?

Use of libraries has doubled or tripled in most area communities in the last five years, and in one county, York, has increased almost nine-fold.

A five-year comparison of circulation figures from 1969-70 and 1974-75 were supplied to the Times-

Herald by librarians, to make a five-year comparison possible.

Each figure represents the number of books checked out by borrowers:

- Hampton: 1969-70 — 324,021; 1974-75 — 488,424.
- Williamsburg: 1969-70 — 39,518; 1974-75 — 121,246.

- York County: 1969-70 — 4,734; 1974-75 — 37,189.

- Suffolk: 1969-70 — 69,638; 1974-75 — 73,263.

- Newport News: 1969-70 — 298,119; 1974-75 — 549,943.

- Isle of Wight County: 1969-70 — 35,144; 1974-75 — 57,035.



Williamsburg has built a new \$1 million library with spacious interior.



York Library Program

Youngsters attending the York County Public Library's summer reading program enjoy a film shown Wednesday morning at the facility in Grafton. From 60 to 70

children are attending the program which continues through Aug. 4. Activities include movies and storytelling while they borrow and report on their books.

JUNE 1976

Libraries lead 'reading revolution'

The Peninsula's public libraries will sponsor a Bicentennial summer reading program this year for children in eighth grade or below.

"Join the Reading Revolution" is the theme and prizes include a coupon redeemable for a hamburger at McDonald's restaurants for each five books read.

The fast food chain also will give free burgers to each pupil who presents a final report card bearing at least one "A" or its equivalent. This offer is good until June 30.

Children who read 15 or more books by Aug. 6 will be eligible to attend a free showing of "Digby, The Biggest Dog in the World" at Newmarket Theater Aug. 7. In addition, award certificates from McDonald's will be presented to all children who read at least 20 books.

Library Expands Reading Program

YORKTOWN — York County's Public Library summer reading program will be expanded this year to include children from pre-school age through eighth grade, according to librarian Mrs. Beverly Dudley.

The program for the pre-schoolers through the fourth grade will use the theme, "The Monster Club," and will be held each Wednesday morning at the library from 10:30 to 11:30.

Children will have the opportunity to watch movies or hear storytelling while they borrow and report on their books.

The program is under the direction of Mrs. Sue Starnes, assisted by Mrs. Jamie Katzberg and a number of volunteer mothers.

The Lady Lions of York will again show movies for the club.

The first reading session for the children will be June 16 and the program will conclude Aug. 4. Children

need not attend all meetings to participate in the program.

"Join the Reading Revolution" will be the theme for the program for fifth through eighth graders.

Although there will be no organized meetings for this group, beginning June 14, any York child who studied in these grades the past school year can pick up an instruction sheet from the library and enroll in the program. The program will conclude Aug. 14.

Both programs will award certificates for McDonald's hamburgers, one for each five books read, and each child is eligible to earn up to four hamburger certificates, for reading at least 20 books.

Participating McDonalds are located in the cities of Newport News, Hampton, Williamsburg, Norfolk, Virginia Beach, Chesapeake, Portsmouth, Suffolk, Franklin and Elizabeth City, N.C.

JUNE 1976

York Public Library's

"JOIN THE READING REVOLUTION" PROGRAM

ELIGIBILITY--Any child who was in 4th through 8th grade during the 1975-76 school year is eligible. (You may be asked for proof of your grade level if there is a question.)

WHEN--The program begins June 14 and the final day for reporting on books is August 14. (Only those books borrowed on or after June 14 may be reported on.)

WHAT BOOKS--One, two, or three books may be reported on at one time. Only those books borrowed from York Public Library may be reported on. (This may be expanded to include books from Dare Elementary School Library if the need arises. A notice will be posted in the library if this happens) Cartoon books (Peanuts etc.) will not be allowed. In general "E" books (picture books) will not be allowed, but special permission may be given to allow these books in the case of a very slow reader.

HOW TO REPORT--A supply of Book Report Cards will be available at all times in the library. Please take only as many as you will need each time. You may take them with you when you borrow your books and fill them out at home, or you may fill them out when you return the books.

Don't return the books you want to report on until you have filled out your Book Report Cards. Fill out one card for each book (be sure to answer all questions!) and then put the card in the pocket in the back of the book. Then, return the book to the book return table.

HOW TO GET MCDONALD CERTIFICATE--Book reports will be counted and verified over the weekend, so you must wait until the following week to pick up your certificate (s), when you have read and reported on five books. When you return for your certificate tell the librarian at the charge desk your name, and that you have read five books. She will check to make sure everything is OK, and will probably ask you something about one of the five books you reported on. When you do this, she will then give you a certificate that is good at any McDonald's for one regular hamburger.

HAPPY READING and GOOD EATING!!

June 76

OCT 1976 Library Board Members Sought

YORKTOWN — The York County Board of Supervisors is looking for five county residents who are skilled in management, interested in public libraries, and willing to give a few hours of their time each month to serving on the County Library Board.

According to Supervisor Shirley F. Cooper, "the Board of Supervisors intends to make the appointments at its regular meeting Nov. 4, if enough interest is shown to allow the board a good selection of qualified citizens."

It is hoped that citizens from all areas of the county will make themselves available to serve on the board, she said.

George Cole, chairman of the board, explained that the library board, established by the governing body on Sept. 16, is responsible for managing the county's public library and controlling expenditures from the library fund.

This is a separate fund created to hold the governing body's appropriations for library purposes as well as receipts from fines and donations.

The library board is also expected

to assist the county administrator in preparing the proposed annual budget for the library and to make recommendations for future development of public library services within the county.

York's library is located in the Grafton Shopping Center.

Staffed by four part-time employees and about 30 active volunteers, the library is open from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 7 to 9 p.m. Monday through Friday, and from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Saturdays.

The library holds about 11,000 books and other publications, covering a wide range of interests.

Terms of library board members are for four years, staggered at one year intervals. It is anticipated that several ex officio members will be appointed to serve with the five citizen members.

Applications may be obtained from the office of the county administrator in the courthouse at Yorktown.

Applications should be returned by Oct. 29 to be considered at the Nov. 4 meeting.

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An ordinance establishing management procedures for the county library was approved, and five members were appointed to the county library board, including Mrs. Catherine Insley, Mrs. Elizabeth Carter, Dr. J. Marshall Hughes, J. William Stiff, and Mrs. Elizabeth Rogers.

Cole recognized the "enormous amount of talent revealed in applications for the library board" and suggested that the board find advisory roles for many of the persons so that the county can utilize their experience.

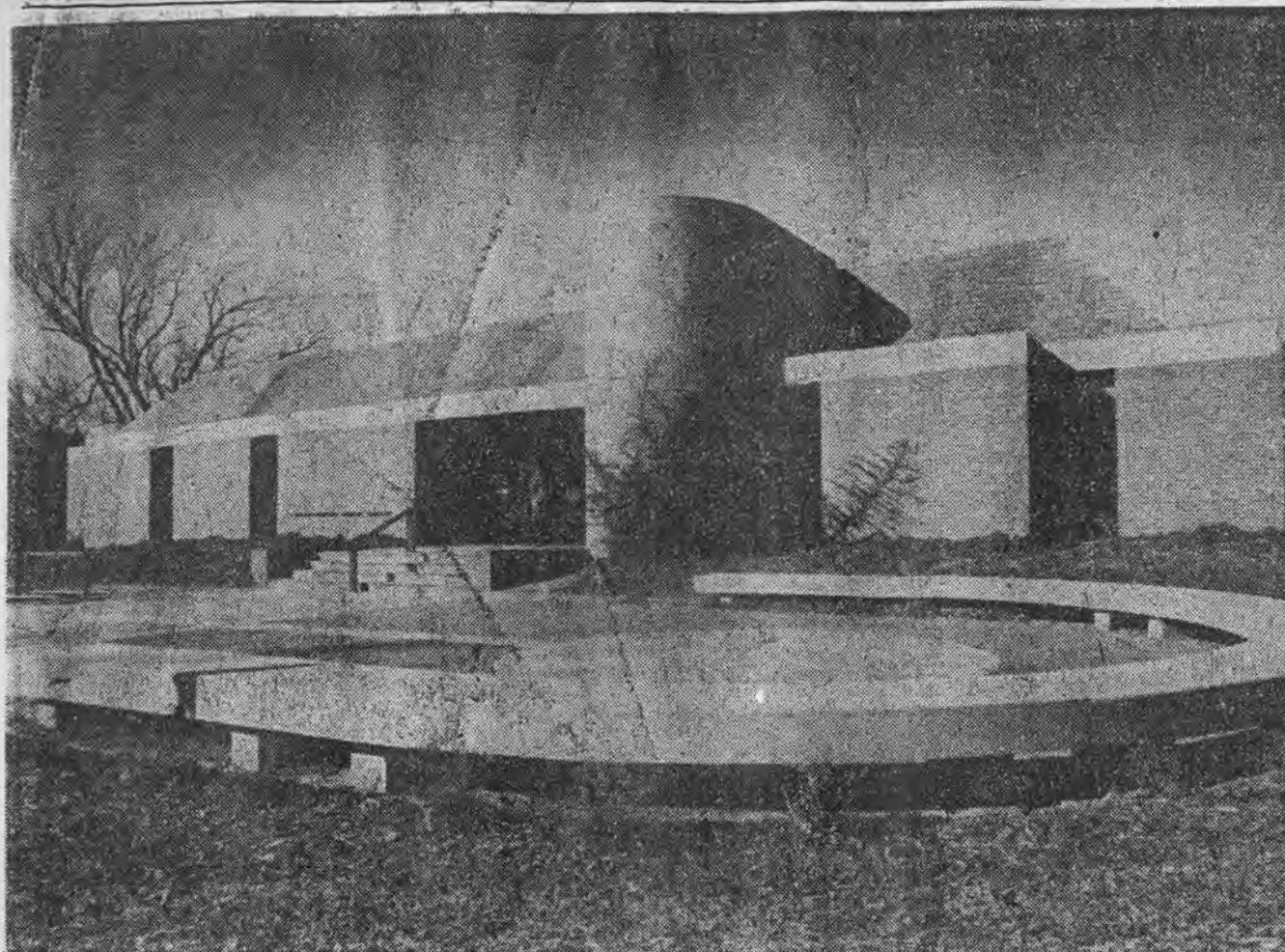
The board will consider adoption of a resolution appropriating \$3,693,000 for construction of a sanitary sewer system in sanitary district No. 2. The sale of bonds to finance the system was completed in July through the Walter Craigie Co. Also on the agenda is consideration of establishing a library fund and a library board to bring the county in conformance with state law.

Bain notes that management of the York library does not meet the requirements of state law calling for separate funds for public libraries and a board of trustees to manage and control a free public library system.

The new board would have control over the expenditure of all money credited to the library fund.

Currently, the York library is supervised by a part-time librarian working under the direction of the county administrator, and the funds for the library are channeled through Bain's office.

Supervisors Meeting



Staff photo by Thom Slater

Library may become regional facility for Williamsburg and James City and York counties.

Williamsburg Library

By BILL McLAUGHLIN
Times-Herald Staff Writer

It's one down and two to go, and Mrs. Martha Vazquez is happy.

Williamsburg City Council has already approved a plan to regionalize Williamsburg Public Library with James City and York counties, and governing bodies of the two counties will be considering the plan in the next few weeks.

Council's move was "generous and farsighted," says Mrs. Vazquez, director and head librarian of the library, located at 515 Scotland St., a block from the Williamsburg Municipal Building.

Regionalization would allow all citizens of the two counties to use the library without charge, provide funds for a bookmobile to operate in the two counties and, eventually, permit branches to be built.

Williamsburg would get funds for more books and more staff to serve the larger library population.

The increased population would enable us to get more federal and state aid so we could develop a com-

prehensive program for everyone in the three localities," explains Mrs. Vazquez. "Regionalization would benefit everyone."

James City County residents are currently permitted to use facilities of Williamsburg Public Library without charge, since the county's board of supervisors contributes to the cost of the library's operation. But the county has no library of its own; residents have to travel to Williamsburg to do their browsing.

York County has a very small library, located in Grafton Shopping Center. Residents may join Williamsburg Public Library for a \$5 annual fee per family. (York's governing body does not contribute to funding the Williamsburg facility.)

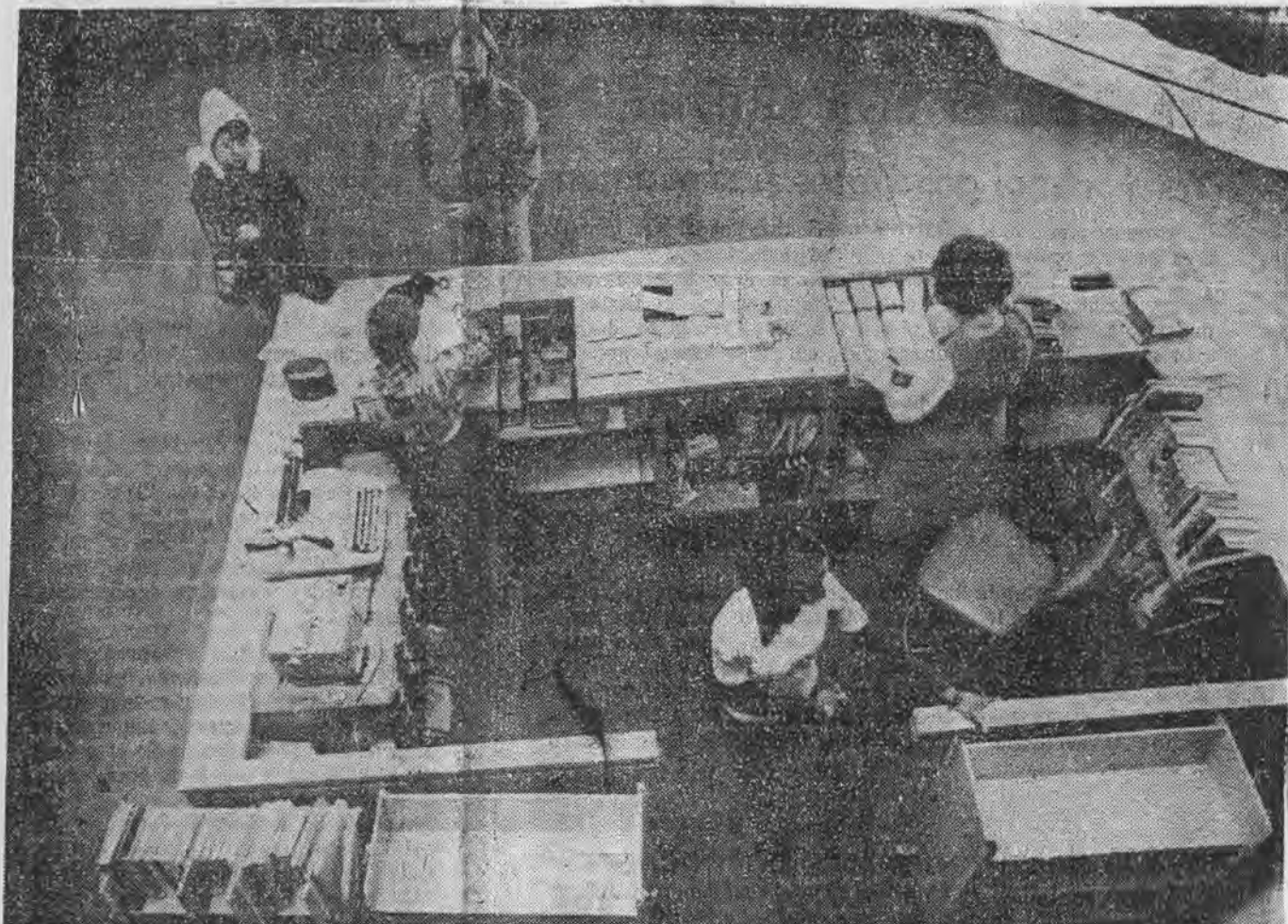
If the library is regionalized, one of the first moves would be purchase of a bookmobile, which would get out in the two counties and bring the library to residents.

The bookmobile would also serve as "a sort of locator," says Mrs. Vazquez, helping the counties determine in which

areas there is most interest in eventual construction of library branches. The branches would be owned by the locality which builds them, but operated as part of the regional library for as long as the jurisdictions remain together.

Mrs. Vazquez feels Williamsburg Public Library has a great deal to offer, with a collection totaling 32,907 books and cassettes as of Dec. 31. These include 22,643 adult and 9,441 juvenile books and 823 cassettes ranging from old radio shows to language instruction to popular and classical music.

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Staff "opens the collection to the people" at circulation desk seven days a week.

reaches far afield

In addition to these, the library offers films for children at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturdays and "family films" for adults at 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays.

Story hours for preschool children are held at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays, and youngsters can "dial-a-story" any time by calling 220-2040.

Mrs. Vazquez, who has been at the library since last April, is holding a series of special programs for adults. This started with a course in calligraphy — the art of beautiful writing — which was so successful it had to be

repeated.

The librarian is considering future programs to include workshops on vegetable gardening and on making oriental rugs, a panel discussion on psychology (including transcendental meditation) and a program on the Norge community.

The month of February is being devoted to a series of programs and exhibits on the black heritage.

The library's facilities are also brought to those who can't visit the building. Roberta McGaughran, reference librarian, visits Williamsburg Jail every week to bring a book cart to inmates, continuing a project started several years ago with help of the Junior Woman's Club of Williamsburg. She also takes the cart to senior citizen nutrition centers every three weeks.

"We also have a new homebound program which has been in effect for several months but, so far, no one has taken advantage of it," says Mrs. Vazquez. "We have a home service committee which will deliver books to our patrons who can't get out, but no one

has called about it."

The library currently has 10 full-time employees and four part-time pages.

They're on hand to check out books and "open our collection to the people" from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and 1 to 5 p.m. Sundays.

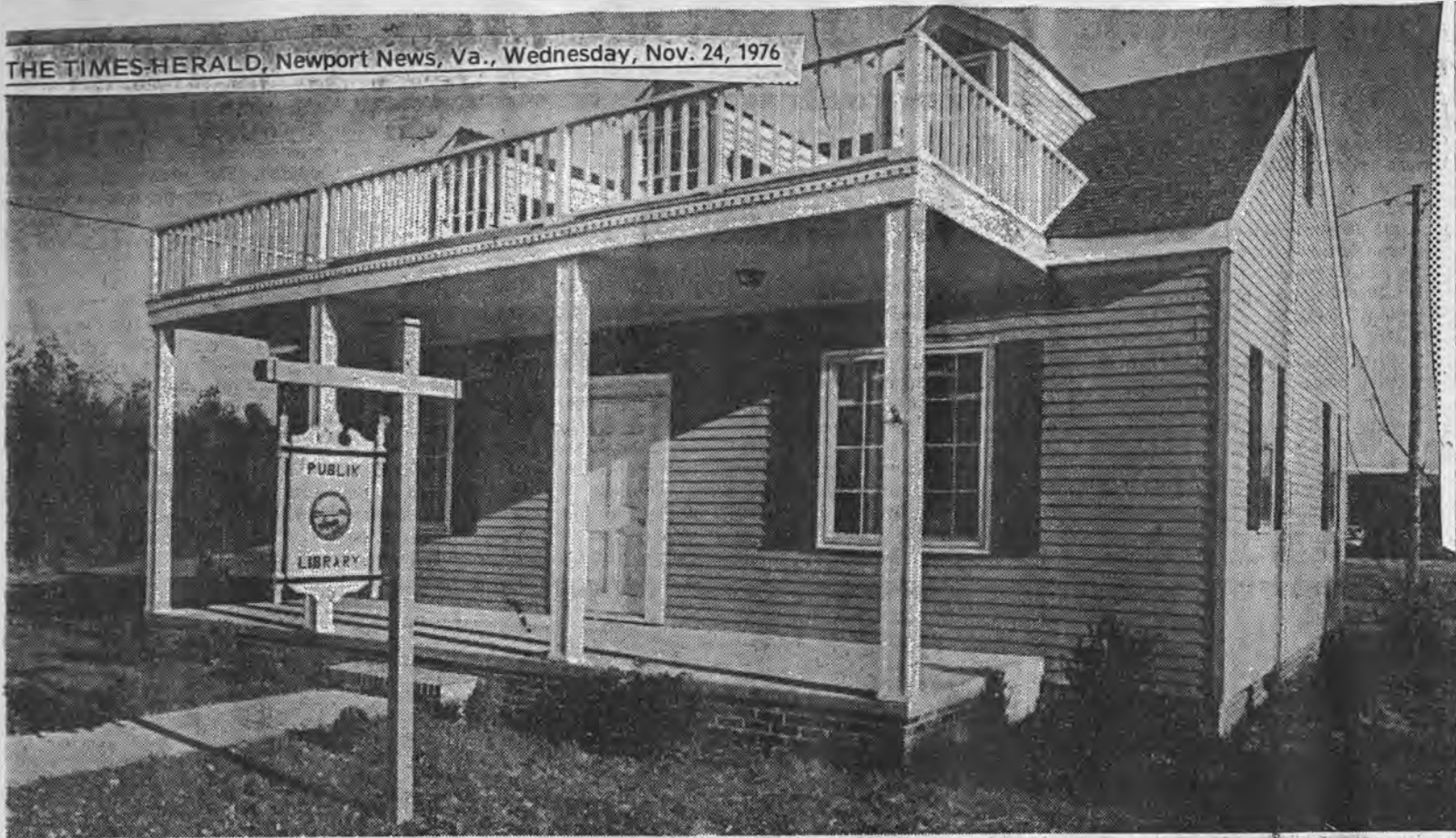
During the energy crisis, the library is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., Thursdays from noon to 5 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. It's closed Fridays and Sundays.

"We have quite a few plans for the future," says Mrs. Vazquez, including a wing for a community room, an addition for self-contained children's story hours and an enlarged circulation desk.

Mrs. Vazquez also hopes to improve the library's basic collection and increase the number of patrons.

The library currently has 6,194 patrons from Williamsburg (including College of William and Mary), 5,26 from James City County and 2,146 from York County.

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Staff photos by Herb Barnes

New Poquoson Publik Library opened at 2 p.m. Thursday without either fanfare or ceremony.

Publik' facility Poquoson library opens

By ALAN STOUNOUR
Times-Herald Staff Writer

Libraries are supposed to be quiet places, and Poquoson likes to do things

in a quiet way.

So it's appropriate that sharply at 2 p.m. Thursday, there was little fanfare. Poquoson Publik Library was simply

declared open.

In a matter of minutes the first patron, Scott Mungo, had paid his membership fee and borrowed two books.

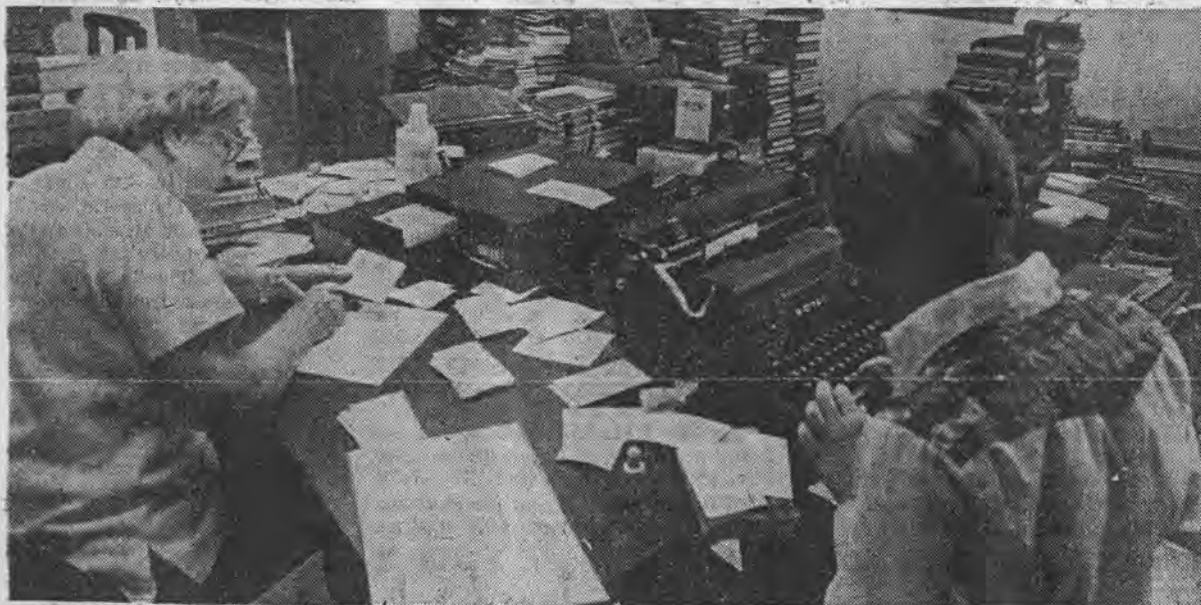
For the record, Mungo's choices were a science fiction novel by Isaac Asimov and an Agatha Christie mystery.

The library is an outgrowth of the city's Bicentennial Committee, hence the colonial spelling of "publik." But rather than preserve that committee, Poquoson City Council has been asked to consider establishing a library board to keep things running and to find ways to support the new service.

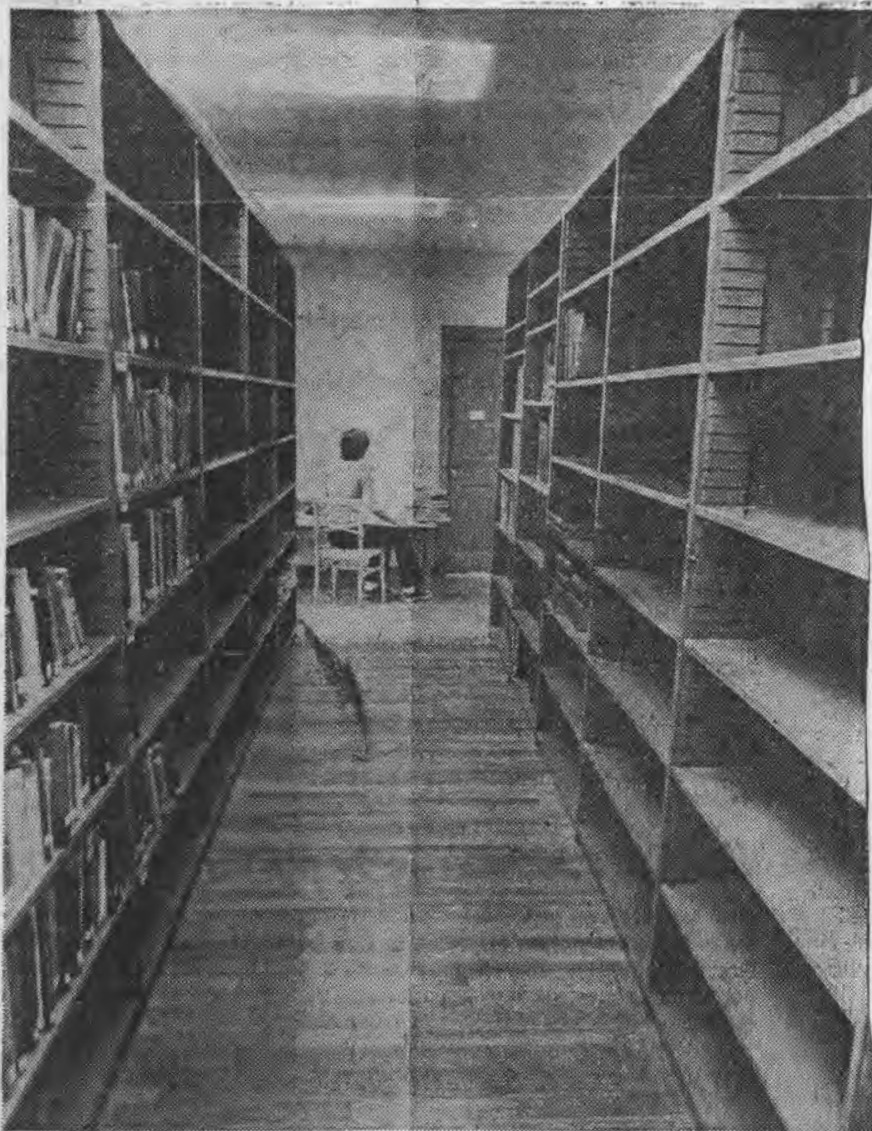
The library has been a labor of love without pay for Mr. and Mrs. Charles Clarke and Mrs. Jessie Forrest, as well as for other volunteers who have spent hours since early spring preparing for Thursday. So far, expenses have been minimal. All the nearly 6,000 books are donations, either from attics, garages or other libraries.

York County Library lent catalogues used to organize the library's file system. Two Christopher Newport College professors donated some textbooks still on the reading lists for courses at the college.

And a lot of people donated everything from complete sets of National



Mrs. Clarke (left) and Bill Holton prepare cards for cataloging mass of books for library.



Bud Brown is one of the first to use new facility.

Geographic and Readers Digest Condensed Books to what might be a first edition of a volume of poetry by James Montgomery, printed in England 124 years ago.

This last donation has been placed with a dozen or so other books Mrs. Forrest and Mrs. Clarke feel may have some collector's value. They'll look into that possibility as a way of raising money as soon as they get a chance.

They've received encyclopedias, tons of fiction and non-fiction, a good selection of children's books and lots of material on local history.

There're also several shelves of paperbacks and possibly enough duplicate copies for the library to hold a book sale as another money raising project.

For now, the major task is getting organized.

Mrs. Clarke was busy at the recycled kitchen table in the back room

of the building Thursday, where she's been for months. Around her on the table and in even taller stacks on the floor were a couple of thousand more books to be checked, filed, referenced in the card catalogue and shelved.

"We just take them one at a time," she said, barely pausing to look up. Then, glancing quickly at the work ahead of her, she added, "Just like we've been doing for months."

Library hours are 7 to 9 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 2 to 5 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays and 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturdays.

The facility, located on Odd Road near Poquoson High School, is open to anyone — but only members may borrow books. Membership fees (the library's only source of income) are \$1 for adults, 50 cents for students or 25 cents for a family.

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Three library workers check overdue books at the York Library.

York Library Extends Hours

YORKTOWN — The York County Public Library will remain open for five additional hours each week, beginning immediately.

The new hours are from 10 to 2 and 7 to 9 Monday through Friday and from 10 to 12 on Saturdays.

The library has recently acquired two large moveable display boards and a new charging desk.

The professional charging desk replaces a makeshift desk that has been in use since the library was opened more than eight years ago.

Library workers feel the desk greatly improves both the appearance and the efficiency of operation in the checkout area.

The library board held its monthly meeting recently at the York County Administration building.

William Chamberlain of the Virginia State Library staff was present, at the invitation of the board, to answer questions and discuss the advantages and disadvantages of a regional library system.

CAROLYN SADLER (VOLUNTEER), JOYCE ODOM, MARTHA SIM

March 1977

York gets a 'wish list' 3/16/77

By KATHY SCHWILLE

Times-Herald Staff Writer

During the next five years, York County should consider building a new library in Grafton, a fire station in Seaford, a new high school in Dare and a park on the water in Seaford.

That's the message from county department heads in the capital improvements program the county planning commission talked about Tuesday.

Planning staffers call the improvements program a "wish list." In it, department heads say what they think the county will need by 1982. They estimate what the things might cost and where the money might come from.

The plan is all very preliminary, especially this year, since this is the first capital improvements program York has ever had.

According to senior planner Katherine Messenger, the commissioners don't really have to do anything with it — just look at it.

They could recommend priorities to the board of supervisors, such as saying one thing should be built before another.

They could, on the other hand, dismiss it as "a lot of bunk," says Ms. Messenger. At least, she says, there is a range of choices and the supervisors

will be aware of many of the county's needs each time they consider spending money, she says.

The total plan suggests expenditures of \$15.1 million, with money coming from the county's general fund, general obligation bonds, and revenue sharing funds, plus some state and federal aid.

The "wish list" includes:

- A fire station for Seaford around 1980, after the proposed station for Bruton has been built. Money could come from general obligation bonds, the plan says. Projected estimate is \$283,100 for construction and equipment.

- A new library for Grafton, to replace the library at Grafton Shopping Center. The county may, by that time, be part of a regional system that would permit Williamsburg and James City County to use the facility, and allow York residents to use their facilities. Construction cost is projected at \$530,000 and could be budgeted in Fiscal Year 1981.

- A maintenance shop for county vehicles and machinery. The county uses the school bus maintenance shop now, but with machinery that will be needed for utilities upkeep, it's estimated the county will need a shop of its own.

Cost of a maintenance shop might be about \$125,000 and should be budgeted in FY 1979.

- Expansion of sewer lines to other parts of Sanitary District 2, where one sewer project is under way. The plan suggests using state or federal funds, plus "other" undetermined funds at a rate of about \$2 million each year through 1982.

- A new high school for the Dare area, between York and Tabb high schools, which are not expected to be able to bear the burden of burgeoning development there. School Supt. Donald S. Bruno told commissioners the county might need the school "around 1980" and said it might be funded with a state literary loan.

He said the alternative to a new high school would be to bus students from Marlbank and Edgehill to Bruton High School, which should still have space.

- A park on waterfront land in Seaford that Recreation Director Robert Kraus would like to see the county buy. He suggests the land might cost \$380,000 and could be developed for about \$440,000 and budgeted for FY 1979. Money might come from state and general revenue funds, the plan suggests.

York Events Calendar

TODAY — The county registrar's office holds voter registration for all qualified persons at Tabb High from 8:30 a.m. till 2 p.m.

TODAY — A report on the possibility of using sewer bond issue funds for extension of public water service is made at a 1:30 p.m. Board of Supervisors meeting at the courthouse.

TONIGHT — Following a 6 p.m. dinner, the Bethel Manor School P-T-O is presented the play, "Bottom's Dream," an adaptation of William Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream," at 7 p.m.

TONIGHT — A resume workshop, which includes hints on compiling a resume and

writing a cover letter, is held at 8 p.m. at the York County Public Library, Grafton Shopping Center.

FRIDAY — The 31-member Broome Community College Choir of Binghamton, N.Y., performs at 3 p.m. at the Yorktown Victory Center.

SUNDAY — Del. George W. Grayson meets with interested citizens from 2 to 3:30 p.m. at his Grafton office, Route 17 across from the shopping center.

TUESDAY — A four-day chair upholstery workshop, conducted by the York-Poquoson Extension Division, begins at St. John's Baptist Church and continues daily from 9:30 a.m.

County of York, Virginia



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RESUME WORKSHOP

There will be a Resume Workshop at the library on Thursday,
March 31, at 8:00 PM.
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The workshop will cover such things as:

1. The kind of information included in a resume.
2. Overall appearance of a resume.
3. Helpful hints on cover letters.
4. A brief discussion on job interviews.

For more information, contact Joyce A. Odom (library) 898-7671.

s, Va., Thursday, April 14, 1977

York County Calendar Of Events

TODAY — The board of supervisors discuss a proposed Williamsburg Civic Center and schematic drawings for the county administration complex at a 3:30 p.m. meeting at the courthouse.

TONIGHT — Consideration of the proposed 1978 school budget and action on master plan for a park at Lackey are on the agenda for a 7:30 p.m. meeting of the supervisors at the courthouse.

FRIDAY — Gov. Mills E. Godwin Jr., Mr. and Mrs. John Warner and Lewis A. McMurren par-

ticipate in the 4:30 p.m. dedication ceremony of Virginia's time capsule at the Yorktown Victory Center.

SATURDAY — The First Virginia Regiment of the Continental Line presents vignettes of camp life through out the weekend on the grounds of the Yorktown Victory Center.

SATURDAY — Band music and a flag-raising ceremony launch a carnival marking the opening of the York County Little League season at 11 a.m. at Grafton-Bethel Elementary School.

SUNDAY — Del. George W. Grayson is available to meet with citizens from 2 to 3:30 p.m. at his Grafton office, Route 17 across from the shopping center.

SUNDAY — James Bland Memorial Scholarship district competition begins at 2 p.m. at Tabb High.

MONDAY — A business luncheon of the Yorktown Women's Club is held at 10 a.m. at Yorktown Baptist Church.

MONDAY — The deadline for submitting posters for the county

library's poster contest for fourth, fifth and sixth graders is 9 p.m. at the library, Grafton Shopping Center.

MONDAY — The York County Public Library Board meets at 7:30 p.m. at the county administration building, Ballard Street in Yorktown.

TUESDAY — A question and answer period follows Del. Grayson's review of legislative action affecting county residents at a 7:30 p.m. pub-

lic forum, sponsored by the Yorkville Citizens Group, at Yorktown Intermediate School.

TUESDAY — Lester Halverson, Yorktown wildlife and wildflower photographer, presents a slide show and lecture at 8 p.m. at the library.

WEDNESDAY — The York County Bicentennial Commission meets at 7:30 p.m. at the courthouse.

For announcements of

your organization's activities call the Yorktown office at 887-5506 between 8:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.

Visit Cancelled

YORKTOWN — The scheduled visit from author Mary Louise Clifford to the York County Public Library Thursday night has been cancelled.

Mrs. Clifford was to speak on "Approach to Writing."

York won't join Area library bypassed in board proposals

By KATHY SCHWILLE
Times-Herald Staff Writer

York County won't join a regional library system this year because the cost is too high and the benefits too few, according to York Library Board Chairman J. Marshall Hughes.

Hughes said today the board has recommended the county not join a regional system being organized by Williamsburg and James City County — "at least not this year."

York Board of Supervisors Chairman Shirley Cooper said she's not prepared to do anything about regionalization without the library board's approval.

Hughes said the library board's main objection to the contract proposed by James City County and Williamsburg is that it would have markedly increased the county's library expenditures.

During this fiscal year the county plans to spend \$30,000 on its library in Grafton. The proposed contract called for York to contribute "about \$79,000," Hughes said.

"For the amount of money we would have to spend, we would not get enough out of it," he added.

What the county would have gained, "basically," he said, was a bookmobile it could use several days a week.

But presumably, York County residents could have used the Williamsburg library for free, whereas families now pay \$5 each year.

Hughes said the free use of a Williamsburg library wouldn't help the lower county residents, who would find Hampton or Newport News libraries closer, and also free.

York County's absence from the regional system will mean the system will not receive as much state aid as it would have if York had joined, according to Williamsburg City Councilman James N. McCord Jr.

McCord said today the regional system would have received \$40,000 to buy a bookmobile if York had joined, but will only receive \$20,000 without York. A bookmobile, he noted, costs about \$35,000.

The state's annual grant to the regional library will be less without York, too, he said.

Hughes said York's library board will "still consider" joining the regional

system at a later date, but will at the same time consider other alternatives for improving library service.

Improved library service is something York really needs, according to McCord. The county's \$1-per-capita library expenditure is one of the lowest in the state, he said.

Williamsburg's per-capita expenditure for libraries is \$12.

But Hughes said people in lower York County who don't find what they

want at the county's Grafton Shopping Center library go to Newport News or Hampton.

"It's unlikely they'd go to Williamsburg," he said.

"We'd like more support for the library, sure," McCord said.

But in the meantime, he noted, the county's planning department has listed a new library on its capital improvements plan covering the next five years.

York Closes Book On Library Plan

The hopes for a fully funded regional library complete with a bookmobile in Williamsburg, James City County and York County were dashed last week when the York library board voted against participating in a regional system.

Joining the system would have raised York's library budget from \$30,000 to \$79,000. "For the amount of money we would have to spend, we would not get enough out of it," said J. Marshall Hughes, library board chairman.

A contract between the three governing bodies would have provided \$40,000 in state supporting funds. Without York's participation James City County and Williamsburg will receive only \$20,000 from the state and \$10,000 for operating expenses. With York in the system, the state would have provided \$25,000 for operating expenses.

The chief loss will be a bookmobile to serve the three jurisdictions, according to Williamsburg city councilman James N. McCord Jr. A bookmobile would cost \$35,000, he said.

An additional benefit to York County residents with participation in the system would have been free use of the Williamsburg Public Library. York County families pay \$5

per year to use the city library. York officials are afraid a regional system would benefit only Bruton District, said McCord.

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James City OKs Sharing Costs On Regional Library

By SUSIE DORSEY
Staff Reporter

WILLIAMSBURG—A proposal for James City County to assume half the operating costs of a regional library operated with the city of Williamsburg was accepted by the board of supervisors Wednesday.

Discussions for three localities to join a regional program have broken down because of inaction on the part of the York County library board.

But the James City County supervisors indicated an interest in pursuing the regional approach with the city. Earlier proposals have suggested differing formulas.

Supervisor Jack Edwards said Wednesday that 38 per cent of the people registered with the present municipal library are from James City County but the county residents checked out more than 50 per cent of the books last year.

Edwards proposal involves a gradual increase in county support to the 50 per cent maximum.

City council is expected to consider the proposal today.

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NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

April 17-23

EVENTS

I. Les Halverson

Lecture and slide show on wild flowers.
Tuesday, April 19, 1977 at 8:00 P.M.

II. Mary Louise Clifford

postponed

Author of The Land and People of the Arabian Peninsula (Series - Portraits of a Nation).
Lecture on writing.
Thursday, April 21, 1977 at 8:00 P.M.

III. Children's Hour

All ages - refreshments and movies.
Saturday, April 23, 1977 at 10:30 A.M.

Wednesday, April 20, 1977



Library Week

Lori Fitz turns poster over to Mrs. Sharon Caldwell for the York County Public Library's contest in observance of National Library Week. Prizes of new books will be awarded winners of

the contest, which is open to fourth, fifth and sixth graders. Posters should be on the libraries or reading. The observance will end with a children's party, at 10:30 a.m. Saturday.

Poster Winners

YORKTOWN — Prize winning posters drawn for the recent National Library Week poster contest at the York Public Library have been announced.

They are: fourth grade — Russell Fowler, Magruder Elementary, first; Laura Propst, Grafton Bethel, second; Wendy Geary, Aimes Guardipee and Linda Olstad, Yorktown Elementary, honorable mentions.

Fifth grade — Diane Sorenson, Denbigh Baptist Christian School, first; Lori Fitz, Seaford Elementary, second.

Sixth grade — One winning poster submitted by Cindy Fulmer, Jason Knight and Rhonda Oyler from Tabb Elementary.

YORK COUNTY QUILT

Homemakers Have History All Sewed Up.

"But it was hard limiting it all to just 20 squares," tells Mrs. Williams. "There's just so much history here to choose from!"

Among the motifs chosen for the squares are the French, British and American flags, symbolic of each country's occupation of the area. This design was inspired by the flag at the Yorktown Victory Center.

In fact, all the various designs used in the 20 squares have been taken from some tangible local source of inspiration.

For instance, one of the more striking squares on the quilt is the York County Seal. "But I couldn't find a color replica of the seal anywhere," admits Mrs. Williams, who laughingly recalls hours spent upon the hood of her car copying detail off her automobile sticker!

Also commemorated in the needlework are the Yorktown waterfront as it appeared in 1754, Yorktown landmarks such as the Thomas Nelson House, the Grace Episcopal Church, the Cornwallis Cave,

Swan Tavern, the Yorktown Monument, the Thomas Sessions House, George P. Coleman Memorial Bridge and a depiction of the articles of capitulation.

Some of the more unique squares envision such momentous moments in York County history as the surrender of Cornwallis, a scene of the Yorktown battlefield replete with redoubt and cannon — and last, but not least, the paper-doll representation of the members who worked so hard at pulling this magnificent quilt together.

When it was first finished, the quilt was shown around the Peninsula from the Yorktown Victory Center to the York County Library. And in spite of the fact that this lovely tribute to York County won first prize in the Hampton Arts and Humanities Needlework Festival this year, the quilt is now quietly and uselessly stored in plastic.

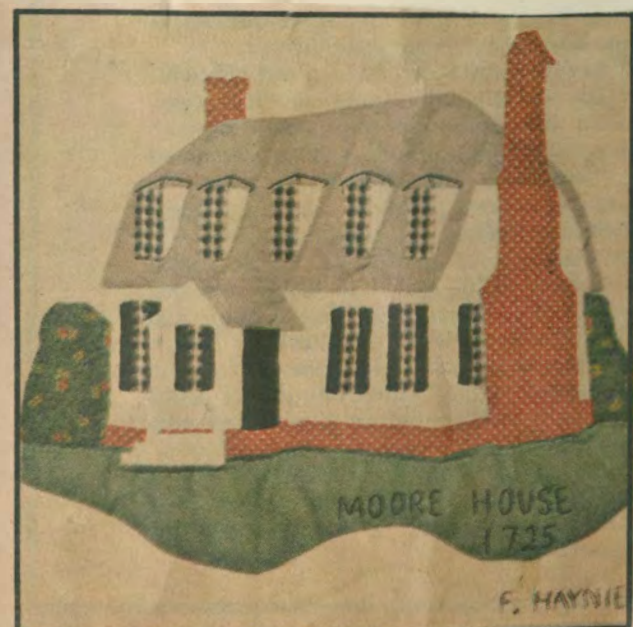
"We're going to find a place for it," insists Mrs. Williams. "We want it to be displayed in a place where everyone can take advantage of seeing it and enjoying it." □



The York County Bicentennial Quilt is a truly astonishing piece of needlework — a tribute not only to those who worked so diligently in stitching it together, but to York County itself. Close-ups on this page show detail of three of the 20 squares. The York County Seal — a symbol of contemporary York County — was lifted directly off a county car sticker. The battlefield square, done by R. Summerfield, was one of the more unique, originally designed squares on the quilt. The Moore House square, executed meticulously by F. Haynie, was drawn by Sheila Williams' husband and thereby designed for the quilt.

photos by

Ransy Morr



by Susan Bruno

THE history of Yorktown and York County has been put under the needle! And the end result is a magnificent 20-square, handmade, appliqued quilt — which will, no doubt, be around and still admired at the tricentennial celebration!

The York County Bicentennial Quilt is an impressive piece of needlework completely designed and executed by the 20 members of the Edgehill Extension Homemaker's Club.

Member Sheila Williams of York County designed each of the 20 original design squares — one for each member of the organization.

"It was a real undertaking," admits Mrs. Williams — particularly in light of the fact that only three members of the group had done any quilting prior to the project.

"We originally planned to make the quilt to sell as part of our Bicentennial tribute," she explains. "But by the time the thing was finished, there was no way we could ever part with it."

And it's no wonder the group became attached to the quilt. Mrs. Williams is quick to talk about the hundreds of hours invested in the various stages that led to the completion of the York County quilt.

The members each chose one square on which to applique and embroider one of the designs. When this phase of the project was done, which took from October '76 to last January, the actual quilting began.

Reminiscent of quilting bees of the past, an old quilt frame was erected in the Williams' attic — and was to remain a permanent fixture there until completion of the project. The quilt was completed in March of this year.

Aptly bordered in Yorktown Blue, the quilt itself tells the story of Yorktown and York County from past to present.



Bicentennial Quilt

YORKTOWN—The Bicentennial quilt of Yorktown will be on display at the York County Library, Grafton Shopping Center, from now through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m.

A quilted history of Yorktown, it was made by members of the Edgehill Extension Homemakers Club.



York To Start Reading Program

YORKTOWN — The York County Public Library's summer reading program will begin June 14 and end on Aug. 2.

The program for the pre-schoolers will use the theme "The Haunted House Reading Club", and will be held each Tuesday morning from 10:30 to 11:30.

Children will have the opportunity to watch movies or hear story tell-

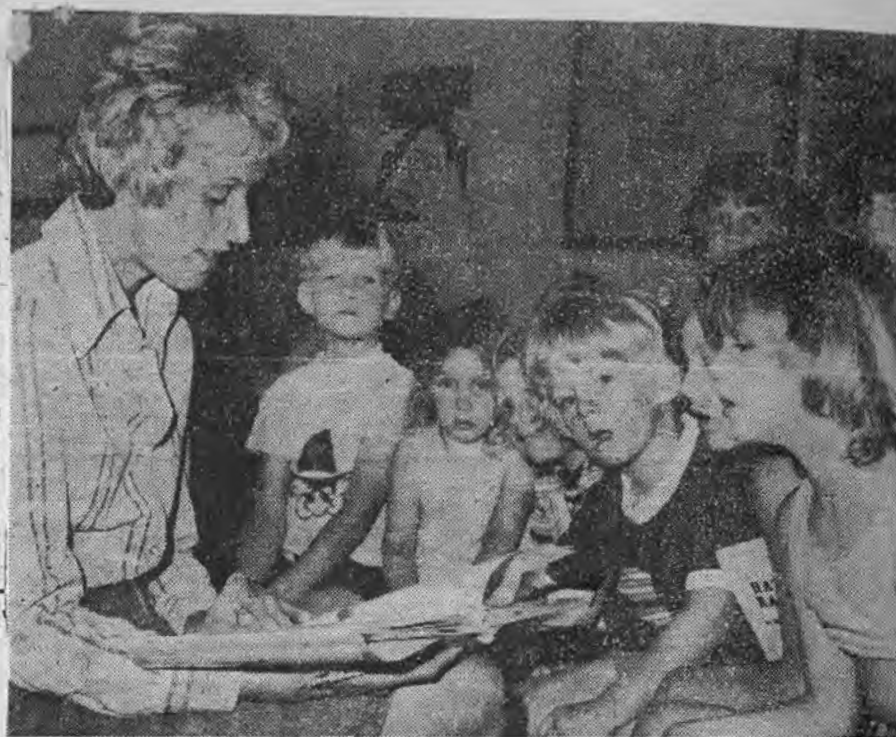
ing while they borrow and report on their books.

The program is under the direction of Mrs. Geri Reichle assisted by Mrs. Jamie Katzberg and a number of volunteer mothers.

The first reading session for the children will be June 14. The final day will include a puppet show entitled "Sir Kevin of Devon" produced by Mrs. Sandra Hanna. Chil-

dren need not attend all meetings to participate in the program.

Although there will be no organized meetings for the fourth through eighth grade group, beginning June 2 any York child who studied in these grades in the past school year may pick up an instruction sheet from the library and enroll in the program.



York Library Program Begins

Children listen to stories read by Mrs. Elizabeth Carter during reading hour at the York County Public Library in Grafton. The reading incentive program for pre-schoolers through the fourth

grade will be held every Tuesday from 10:30 until 11:30 a.m. through Aug. 2. About 75 children attended the first session. A reading program for children from the fourth through the eighth grades is also under way.



Puppet Show

A puppet show, presented by Mrs. Sandra Hanna, marks the end of an eight-week program for youngsters

at the York County Public Library at Grafton. Mrs. Hanna shows "Sir Kevin of Devon" to, from left, Rich-

ard and Stephanie Hanna and Beth Jensen. Children attending the session filled the library.

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CHALLENGES FOR NEW LIBRARY BOARD

Members of the first County Library Board appointed by the Board of Supervisors in York find themselves very busy. Appointed in January, the five members have already established a set of by-laws under which they operate, are studying the possibility of regionalizing with the James City-County-Williamsburg library system, are preparing to advise the county supervisors on the library budget, and are moving to establish a Friends of the Library organization.

The Library Board is an advisory body which has almost no actual power to vote on funds or policy. A member is appointed from each electoral district for a four year term. The members drew straws to decide who would serve shorter terms so that the turnover on the board would be staggered.

Mrs. Elizabeth Carter of the Marlbank and Yorktown area is serving a four year term. Elizabeth Rogers, an elementary school librarian in the York County school system from the Bruton area, is serving for two years. Dr. J. Marshall Hughes II, who is a technical services librarian at NASA and lives in the Seaford area, drew a one year term. Mrs. Kitty Insley, who lives in the Grafton area and is the secretary at VPI & SU Extension office, will serve for three years. Lt. Col. (ret.) William J. Stiff lives in the Tabb-Bethel area and is serving a four year term.

The question of regionalizing the York County Library system is a serious one for the board to consider. According to Virginia Code, the library board must vote in favor of the move before it is considered by the County Board of Supervisors.

Under one suggested contract for the regionalization of the York system with James City County and Williamsburg, according to Mrs. Beverly Dudley, York County Librarian, both libraries would function under a single budget with a single library board. York's present annual budget is \$35,000. Almost all of this money comes from the county, with the exception of gifts of \$1,500. Under this contract York would have two members on a seven member board.

This plan also offers the possibility of the purchase of a bookmobile with federal funds, Mrs. Dudley said. The operating and

Books

The far out is in with local sf club

By **CHERYL TUCKER**
Times-Herald Features Editor

The normal-looking group of people is sitting in a circle at the York County Library in Grafton Shopping Center. If you get closer, though, you can overhear them talking about quarks, "cons" and crickets taking over the world.

If your eyes start nervously searching for an exit sign, then you're not a candidate for HaRoSFA. But if the topics of conversation make some kind of sense to you, the Hampton Roads Science Fiction Association will welcome you with open arms.

What started in April as two women's way of sharing their love for science fiction has

blossomed into a club with a core of about a dozen dues-paying regulars. And they're always looking for recruits.

Margaret Cubberly of Grafton and Mary Tyrrell of Newport News are the mother figures and driving force behind the mostly male group. Although they go out of their way not to be obvious about it, they nevertheless run things — planning the meetings and field trips, arranging for films, writing the club magazine *The Liberated Quark* and generally keeping things going in an orderly fashion.

"We have a bigger stake in it because we started it," explains Mrs. Tyrrell.

The group is a diverse one, ranging from 13-year-old Scott Hensley, a precocious youngster with a flair for electronics, to the 40-ish Ms. Cubberly, a retired librarian and mother of one. There's also a generous sprinkling of NASA engineers, physicists, college students, a teacher and an artist.

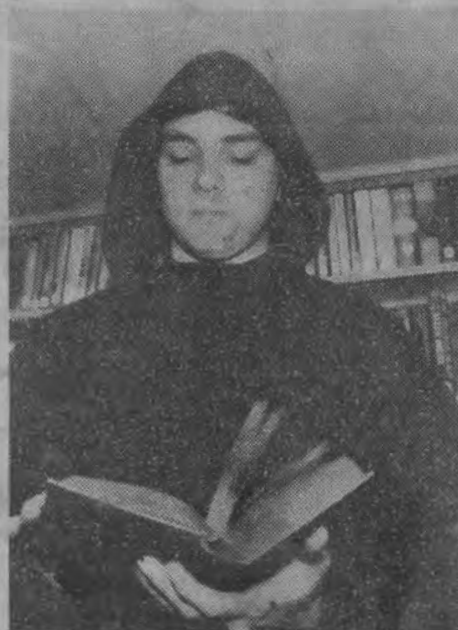
What they share is a love of science fiction in one or many of its manifestations — heavy technology, fantasy, sf art, films, conventions, etc. The television special about J.R.R. Tolkien's *"The Hobbit"* is as enthusiastically discussed as the film *"Close Encounters of the Third Kind,"* which everyone seems to be anticipating with ill-concealed delight.

Besides trying to devise ways to tunnel into the adjoining ABC store, they're also interested in fandom, the social aspect of being a science-fiction aficionado. It's just nice to be able to sit around and talk about strange things without other people thinking you're strange.

As Ivan Clark puts it, it's one way "to preserve your sanity...just think if you had to spend all your time with people from your office."

"Our group is very sociable and outgoing...a close-knit group," says Ms. Cubberly, whose husband Norman is also a member. "It's like a home, with people who share your interests...We all feel like we have something good going."

What is it about science fiction that at-



Terry Gray donned "overgrown Jawa" costume for the camera.



Staff photos by G. F. Bryant Jr.

Mrs. Cubberly and Brooks study book of fantasy art.

tracts such devoted followers, providing grist for enough conventions around the country to keep a convention-hopper busy every day of the year?

"I've been interested in it as far back as I can remember, says Ned Brooks, computer programmer and wind-tunnel engineer at NASA as well as a serious collector of sf. He was elected the club's sole officer, treasurer, when he made the mistake of missing a meeting. So he's in charge of everyone's \$3 a year dues.

"I like strange stories about interesting people. You can do things in fantasy that you

can't do with realistic stories," he says.

Brooks is an active conventiongoer, having once trekked as far as Australia for one. The local group would like to put on a convention or "con" but, ironically, one of the major obstacles is a technical one.

"One of the things you need besides a hotel is a member with a movie projector who knows how to run it," Brooks says.

The next meeting of the Hampton Roads Science Fiction Association is at 8 p.m. Dec. 14 at the York County Library, Grafton Shopping Center, Route 17.

Library Friends Elect Officers

YORKOWN — Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Thomsen of Edgehill were elected copresidents of the recently organized "Friends of the York County Public Library."

The organization was formed to help develop the existing library facility at the Grafton Shopping Center and expand library services and programs for the community. It will also work at stimulating gifts of books and endowments.

Other officers are Ann Fisher, first vice president; Mrs. Judy Shields, second vice president; Mrs. Grace Concllus, recording secretary; Tina Richardson, correspondence secretary; and Lester Halverson, treasurer.

Membership information is available at the library or by contacting the officers. The next meeting will be held Sept. 22 at 7:30 p.m. at the library.

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WEDNESDAY — A story hour for pre-school children, which includes films, is held at 10 a.m. at the York public library, Grafton Shopping Center.

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Library Plans For Holiday

YORKTOWN — Craft classes in making Christmas ornaments and a series of films are scheduled during the school holiday at the York County Public Library, Grafton Shopping Center.

The craft classes will be held next Tuesday from 10 to 11 a.m. and 1 to 2 p.m. for children in grades four through eight. Instructors will be York County Junior 4-H leaders. There is a 25-cent fee.

Movies lasting an hour and a half begin Monday at 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 7 p.m., continuing at those times Dec. 21 to 23. Only the 7 p.m. showing is scheduled Tuesday.

The movies will be obtained from the Virginia State Library. Although geared for children in the upper elementary school grades, the showings are free to anyone.

The pre-school story hours on Dec. 21 and 28 have been cancelled.

Three meetings are scheduled this week at the library, including the "HaRo," or Hampton Roads, Science Fiction Club Wednesday at 8 p.m.; Friends of the Library, a volunteer group, Thursday at 1 p.m.; and the library board Saturday at 10:30 a.m.

The library will be closed Dec. 24 to 26 and Dec. 31 to Jan. 2.

Friends of the York County Library

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NEWSLETTER

Fall greetings to all our "Friends of the York County Library". If you subscribe to the York Town Crier, the November 3rd issue contained a very excellent article covering the state of our library at present. Hope you all have dropped by the library since becoming one of our members. If so you will be aware of the many needs, some of which we hope to supply. Through our membership we can make more people aware of this important community service, which needs help! We need your enthusiasam and whatever financial assistance and volunteer service you can give.

Our initial project was the purchase of furniture and a rug for the childrens area. Come by and see what your membership has made possible. There are many more things we can do even at the present location. We would like suggestions from you, things that we probably have never thought about. Leave your suggestions at the desk when you come by.

There will be a membership drive soon that will include contacting the business firms in the county to solicit their membership and support. Did you know that Friends of the Library is a national organization?

At our annual meeting next spring we will be honoring our present volunteer workers. Also at this time we will have election of officers for the year. Perhaps some of you would consider serving on our board. New faces can mean progress.

If any of you have a chance, while in Williamsburg, drop by the Williamsburg Regional Library. They have a "Friends" organization up there which is a very active group. They have been responsible for many gifts as well as sponsoring programs throughout the year for adults as well as children. We would like to do the same for York County.

NOTES FROM THE LIBRARY

Coming soon at the Library--tape cassettes! The display rack is here, and a number of cassettes have arrived and are being cataloged. A variety will be soon available for checkout, including both poplar and classical music, children's stories and songs, and spoken recordings--something for everyone.

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For the preschool set, Captain Kangaroo Picturepages are available at the Library every week. The popular story hour continues, at 10:30 Tuesday mornings. The story lady requests that mothers not bring children under three years old, or those who aren't yet ready to sit still for the story and film program. The last story hour before Christmas will be on December 11, and will feature a special Walt Disney movie. The movie will be shown again on December 13, at 11 and 3. Again this year there will be movies for the school-age children during the Christmas holidays. Dates and times will be posted in the Library early in December.

Another new item at the Library: Sewing pattern catalogs. Patrons can choose at leisure from Vogue, Butterick, McCall's and Simplicity pattern books. (No, the Library does not sell patterns).

And of course, as always, there are many new books on the shelves. During the month of October, 204 adult books and 80 new children books were added to the collection.

A reminder of Library hours: Monday - Wednesday: 10-4, 7-9, Thursday - Friday 10-2, 7-9; Saturday, 10-2.